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Support Expected For Dollar

Industrial Powers Likely to Back Current Rates

By Peter T. Kilborn
WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d and top officials of six other industrial democracies are likely to commit themselves Saturday to maintaining the current value of the dollar for at least a few more months, according to senior U.S. and European officials.

Such an agreement would mean that officials of these countries disagree with many economists who believe the dollar must decline.

So far this year, the seven countries have poured an estimated \$70 billion into the currency markets to support the dollar.

Technically, an agreement means that the countries would try to maintain "reference zones" for the exchange rates of the dollar against the Deutsche mark and the Japanese yen. These zones were established by the group when it met at the Louvre offices of the French Finance Ministry on Feb. 22.

Beyond a currency agreement, officials of the Group of Seven, as the countries are known, are predicting a low-decibel meeting in Washington with little likelihood of important policy changes.

They expect little of the finger-pointing that marked some other meetings. "Nobody's bashing anybody," a senior official in the Reagan administration said.

Officials said they mainly expected the seven nations to refine their positions on such issues as the debt burden of developing countries, coordination of domestic economic policies and economic aid to the poorest countries.

"We are all imperfectly muddling through," said Dietrich von Kays, a top economic official at the West German Embassy in Washington.

The finance ministers and central bankers of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada will be meeting for the first time since the economic summit conference in Venice in June.

The group will convene just before next week's annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

One reason that few noteworthy agreements are expected at the Group of Seven meeting is that its

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Senate Confirms FBI Director

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate unanimously confirmed William Sessions Friday for a 10-year term as director of the FBI, making him only the fourth head of the organization. Mr. Sessions, 57, chief judge of the western district of Texas, was confirmed, 90-0, after three minutes of debate. He replaces William H. Webster, who in turn replaced the late William Casey as head of the CIA.



Sitiveni Rabuka has taken power in Fiji again. The lieutenant colonel staged his second coup in five months. Page 2.

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To Our Readers

A strike against most newspapers in France prevented publication of Friday's International Herald Tribune. (News article, Page 4.) The Weekend section, which normally appears on Friday, is included today on Pages 9-11.

3 Allies Back More Arms Pacts, But Bonn Disagrees on Priority

By Robert J. McCartney
WASHINGTON — The United States, Britain and France agreed Friday for a series of additional disarmament accords to be enacted after the expected U.S.-Soviet agreement on intermediate and shorter-range missiles.

But West Germany differed with Britain and France over how soon to seek reductions in arsenals of battlefield-range weapons.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac were among conservative political leaders at a conference in West Berlin who issued a joint statement welcoming "the new climate in East-West relations."

The statement by the International Democrat Union expressed "deep satisfaction" with the U.S.-Soviet agreement in principle last week to sign an agreement banning nuclear missiles with a range of between 300 and 3,500 miles. The union is an umbrella organization grouping conservative parties in 25 countries.

The statement also called for a new U.S.-Soviet agreement to slash long-range missile arsenals by 50 percent, for multilateral accords to ban chemical weapons and reduce conventional forces, and for efforts to reduce battlefield-range missiles.

It was clear, however, that the principal European allies had differing views over priorities for future arms control discussions.

Mrs. Thatcher said at a news conference that efforts to reduce battlefield-range missiles, or those with ranges of less than 300 miles, should come only after agreements were reached to ban chemical weapons and to reduce conventional forces in Europe.

"Until those two things are dealt with," she said, "I do not think we should go any further on nuclear weapons in Europe."

Mr. Chirac indicated that he agreed with her. He said the top priority should be a long-range missile treaty, and he did not mention battlefield-range weapons when asked about future priorities.

Britain and France say they fear the Russians could use talks on battlefield-range weapons as a forum for proposing the removal of all of them from Europe, which

would leave Western Europe vulnerable to a perceived Soviet advantage in conventional forces. Mr. Kohl, however, said that West Germany was "particularly threatened" by battlefield-range missiles, because most of them would explode on West German soil in a war due to West Germany's geographical position as NATO's front-line nation.

"We do not want to stop" with the intermediate-range agreement, Mr. Kohl said. A high-ranking West German official said Bonn opposed what he called Mrs. Thatcher's "rigid order" for when to hold discussions over battlefield-range missiles. Mrs. Thatcher's formulation would

Soviet Panel Discusses German Confederation

By Henry Tanner
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

A panel of high-level Soviet officials is weighing a possible initiative to promote a confederation between the two German states, according to Otfried Hennig, state secretary in the West German Ministry of Extra-German Relations.

Such a confederation could lead to the withdrawal of Soviet and U.S. forces from East and West Germany.

Mr. Hennig said in a speech Thursday in Frankfurt that there were "indications" that such a concept was being considered as early as January by a panel including Valentin M. Falin, head of the Soviet news agency Novosti, and Georgij A. Arbatov, director of the North American section of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Hennig's remarks led to reports in Western publications that the Soviet Union was drafting proposals for German reunification, but his office said Friday that he

had never made such a statement. An official in his office said Mr. Hennig had used the term "confederation," not "reunification."

The official said Mr. Hennig had stressed that "confederation" implied cooperation between sovereign states, which was incompatible with Bonn's goal of reunification through self-determination and free elections.

The official added that the Soviet objective appeared to be to split West Germany from the Western alliance.

On Wednesday, Mr. Falin said on West German television that he could imagine a situation "in a common European house" in which there would be two German states without foreign troops on their territories.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's press spokesman, Friedhelm Ost, said Friday that the government had "no hard information" that the Soviet Union was proposing a confederation of the two Germans.



Caspar Weinberger inspecting captured mines Friday aboard a U.S. vessel in the Gulf.

U.S. Will Destroy Iran Ship

Weinberger Gives Tehran Warning On Visit to Gulf

By John Kifner
NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE
MANAMA, Bahrain — The Iranian ship captured Monday by the U.S. Navy in the Gulf was to be blown up early Saturday, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said Friday.

"We are going to destroy that ship," Mr. Weinberger said aboard the LaSalle, the flagship of the U.S. Middle East Task Force, where he flew by helicopter after arriving in the Gulf region for a five-day trip.

The officers and crewmen assembled for his visit broke into wild applause.

Mr. Weinberger was shown nine mines taken from the ship, the Iran Ajr.

"We are not going to let that ship go back and do it again," he said.

UN diplomats say Iran is cooperating on putting into effect a Gulf cease-fire. Page 2.

later aboard the helicopter carrier Guadalcanal.

He added that any other vessels found laying mines would also be destroyed.

The Iran Ajr was being towed toward deeper waters by the frigate Jarrett to be scuttled. Navy officers said it was filled with explosives that were ready to be detonated.

Asked by a sailor aboard the Guadalcanal "Are the Iranians aware that we're going to do this ship?" Mr. Weinberger replied: "They'll see it when it goes up — or I should say down."

The craft was captured in a raid by Special Operations forces sent to the Gulf as part of the effort to protect oil shipping at the request of Kuwait, which has supported Iraq in its seven-year war against Iran.

The raid included two sweeps by Army OH-6A Stealth helicopters, from the top-secret Task Force 160, based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and a boarding party of Navy SEAL commandos sent onto the stricken craft, according to reports from a number of sources.

The bodies of three Iranian sailors were recovered, and 26 seamen were picked up from the water. Two crewmen are believed to be missing.

The Iranian survivors and the bodies were to be turned over to Iranian officials in the Sultanate of Oman on Saturday.

The American amphibious craft Raleigh, believed to be carrying the Iranians, was seen off Dubai at midday on Friday, escorted by other warships and moving swiftly south.

Mr. Weinberger said that nine mines had been found in the Gulf, one of which was blown up Friday.

Television footage provided by the navy showed two frogmen approaching a mine in an inflatable rubber dinghy, swimming up to it and attaching plastic explosives. The blast sent a column of water at least 100 feet in the air.

In Tehran, President Ali Khamenei said at a Friday prayer gathering the "theocracy's major political forum," that "we will respond to America's wicked acts in the Persian Gulf."

He said at the rally that the United States had sent a message through the UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, asking that the Iranians consider the matter closed.

"If you don't have the guts for fighting and war, then why do you foment tension?" he asked during the sermon, broadcast on Tehran radio, adding:

"Our nation takes delivery of bodies of its young martyrs, and martyrdom is an honor for us. But what will you have to say tomorrow when you hand over corpses of young Americans to their families?"

In the Gulf war itself, Iraq said its planes had hit another "large maritime target," the usual term for

Soviet Cutback Curbs Syrian Military War Effort Is Also Hindered by Economic Reversals

By Jim Hoagland and Patrick E. Tyler
WASHINGTON POST SERVICE

DAMASCUS — Syria's ability to fight a full-scale war with Israel is being eroded by economic revers-

es at home and an apparent decision by the Soviet Union to cut back on the volume and sophistication of weapons shipped to Syrian military forces, diplomatic sources report.

Once seen by Western analysts as the most privileged recipient of Soviet arms in the Middle East and Moscow's most reliable ally in the region, Syria now appears to occupy a less than pre-eminent position in Soviet relations in the area.

The shift in Soviet policy, according to Western officials, appears to be linked to attempts to broker new Middle East peace initiatives by increasing diplomatic contacts with Israel, pressing for reunification of the Palestine Liberation Organization and maintaining good relations with the adversaries in the Gulf war, Iran and Iraq.

"The Soviets are not supplying major new items now," said one diplomat. "The flow of arms is down to a trickle, as a result of a lack of money and of a Soviet strategy of not sending anything beyond replenishments for what is already there — trucks for trucks."

One new weapon system that the Soviet Union is delivering, according to Western officials, is the MiG-29 jet fighter. But the delivery — two squadrons totaling 24 aircraft — is two years late, and Syria got these advanced jets only after India and Iraq.

"I haven't seen any flying or at the airfield," said one Western official. "They may still be in crates."

Even so, noted a Western military analyst, "You don't go to war with the MiG-29, you go to war with your air force."

The MiG-29, a sophisticated aircraft designed for fighting from a distance, does not markedly improve Syria's ability to intercept an Israeli air attack, the analyst said.

Western sources said published reports that the Soviets had given Syria SS-23 surface-to-surface missiles capable of hitting deep inside Israel had not been substantiated.

"We haven't seen them, and you can't hide something like that in this country," one analyst said.

A chrome-plated model of the missile sits on the desk of Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas, who has declined to say whether Syria has the SS-23 in its missile arsenal.

"It just remains a model," said one Western official. "The SS-23 is a balance changer, and they are not going to get it" under Moscow's policy of providing only defensive weapons to Syria, he predicted.

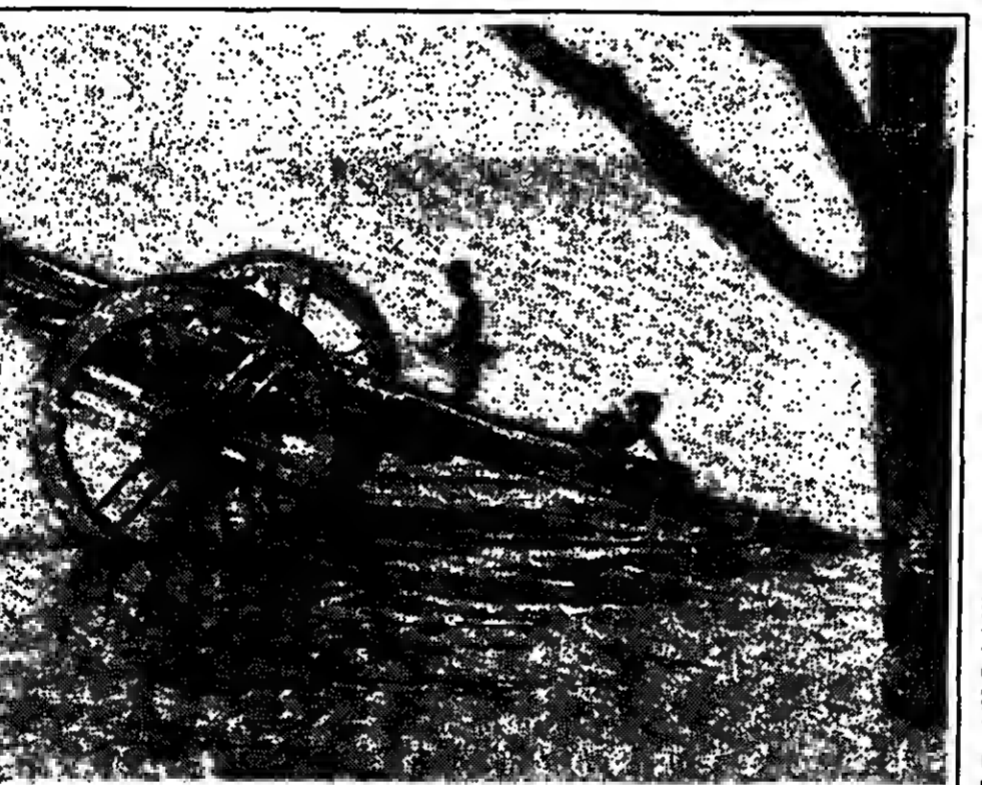
Syrian officials do not acknowledge that the gap between their military capability and Israel's is steadily widening, as the diplomatic sources maintain.

"There is absolutely no change," said General Tlas, speaking through an interpreter in an interview. New Soviet initiatives in the Middle East, he said, "have not affected the policy of furnishing weapons to Syria."

But, General Tlas added, a lack of resources is hampering Syria from attaining its goal of reaching military balance, or what he called "strategic parity," with Israel.

"The Soviet Union knows the arsenal of Israel and that we are far behind Israel," he said. "We are

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BANGLADESH DISASTER — A child playing Friday on a cart idled by the worst flooding in Bangladesh in 40 years. More than 1,000 people are estimated to have died. Several Asian nations may face food shortages because of floods and droughts. Page 5.

Key Differences of Interpretation Overshadow Latin Accord

By Stephen Kinzer
NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE

MANAGUA — Although efforts to end the fighting in Nicaragua have gained momentum over the last week, statements by leading political figures here indicate major confrontations lie ahead.

The Sandinista government insists it will fully comply with the peace accord negotiated by five Central American leaders in Guatemala, which requires it to lift all restrictions on press and political freedom by Nov. 7. Also by that date, other Central American countries are to stop aiding the anti-Sandinista guerrillas, or contras.

The United States did not sign the Guatemala accord and thus is not bound by it, but it would be difficult for Washington to continue backing an anti-Sandinista insurgency if Nicaragua's neighbors agreed not to allow the contras to operate from their territory.

A week ago in Costa Rica, the contras released 80 of the Sandinista prisoners they had been holding and said the rest would be freed soon. In the following days, the Sandinistas announced they would allow banned news outlets to reopen and end press censorship in Nicaragua.

The two steps were not directly related, but both were significant in the history of the Nicaraguan conflict. They undermined the fact that more progress has been made in the current peace process than in any previous effort.

Nonetheless, in recent days it has become clear that there are important differences of opinion over what the peace accord means.

A key issue is amnesty, which the accord requires. Nicaraguan opposition leaders are pressing the government to free thousands of prisoners held for security offenses. But in recent speeches, senior officials

have made it clear the government does not intend to free many prisoners. They say amnesty means only welcoming contras who lay down their arms. The Sandinistas do not make any distinction between captured contras and members of the National Guard under the former Somoza regime who were imprisoned after the revolution.

Speaking to a group of bankers in Miami last week, Nicaragua's leading business spokesman, Enrique Bolaños Geyer, said that for the Sandinistas to comply with the accord they would have to make profound ideological concessions.

"We doubt that the Sandinistas will comply with all they have promised," he said. "It would be like a tiger willingly allowing himself to be defanged and de-clawed and left only with his stripes."

A few days later, Interior Minister Tomas Borge

told workers at a Managua textile factory that there would be no political retreat for the Sandinistas.

"Let no one harbor illusions that we are going to betray the principles of the revolution," he said.

In a statement published Sunday in Costa Rica, the contras demanded that Managua abolish its nationwide network of Sandinista Defense Committees and that it create a conventional army. But Bernardo Arce Castano, a member of the governing Sandinista National Directorate, rejected those demands, declaring that the Sandinistas would never "disarm the people."

As he spoke, Nicaragua's Roman Catholic bishops were issuing a statement advocating a broad amnesty. It was especially significant because the leading bishop, Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, is chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission that is to judge compliance with the peace accord.

"Amnesty should not be seen only as an instrument

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At 78, Essayist Parkinson Still Lays Down the Laws

By Francis X. Clines
NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE

ONCHAN, Isle of Man — It has been 30 years since Parkinson's Law entered the language near as Halley's Comet. Now Cyril Northcote Parkinson, the lawmaker, is slower of step as he tries to retire from all work, which, he memorably postulated, "expands so as to fill the time available for its completion."

Work, time, completion. Decades after his law first analyzed the self-inflating ways of the modern worker, its simple ingredients seem especially relevant amid the annual tang of the down time that Mr. Parkinson finally faces on this oasis of stone houses and grazing sheep in the Irish Sea.

At 78, he is off whisky and on prescription pills, motoring about in search of a ruined castle to restore, reassuring his wife when she goes through a stop sign, unable to keep the satirist's authority from his pronouncements.

"A stop sign does not mean, 'Stop in any event,' daring

it's quite all right," he said. "This is too good a day to miss," he added, as if working at the allegedly simple joys of retirement.

Mr. Parkinson always has another law to offer. The latest may be his eighth or tenth; who's counting? It is: "The chief product of a highly automated society is a widespread and deepening sense of boredom."

This is not yet in book form. Mr. Parkinson says the time is past for him to try to duplicate the million-plus best seller that he made of the original "Parkinson's Law."

That timely work turned an obscure naval historian and observant wartime bureaucrat into a British "authority," the sort of woolly role that, like "consultant," amuses him no end. But he has been carefully drawing out Parkinson's new law in the occasional lecture invitation that he accepts.

He is building the law, as usual, merely from his observations as a literate Englishman and practicing essayist, a genre rendered classic for him by G.K. Chesterton.

"I met Chesterton when I was a young man and he was old, and it was from him that I derived the whole idea of conveying serious thoughts in the form of a joke," said Mr. Parkinson, a portly, pink-faced man. "The humor made the whole thing more digestible and gave it great publicity."

In its time, Parkinson's Law was hailed as an inspired musing on the obvious, articulated clearly at just that instant when the postwar generation was adapting to altered life and wondering who it was. He has written more than 50 other volumes of fiction, history and essays.

Now, as he moves into the terra incognita of leisure, he cannot help celebrating work in bits of conversation that might just as well be laws. He casually announces, for instance, that "the most efficient work unit in Britain is the royal family."

Mr. Parkinson was a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of California after his first law was minted. Ronald Reagan, then California's govern-

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Most of Europe Returns To Standard Time Sunday

International Herald Tribune

Clocks over most of Europe are to be put back one hour Sunday in the annual switch from summer to standard time.

In Lebanon, clocks were put back one hour Friday.

At 1 A.M. GMT on Sunday clocks will effectively stand still for an hour to allow for the change.

The change means that trains, for example, also have to stop for one hour to prevent them from arriving an hour ahead of schedule.

The United States, Canada, Britain and Ireland will not revert to winter time until Oct. 25.

Both Britain and Ireland have resisted pressure to change time on the same day as their partners in the European Community.

Britain and Ireland say that the other European countries change too early.

In Australia and New Zealand, clocks will move forward one hour on Oct. 25 as the Southern Hemisphere changes to summer time.

UN Envoys Say Tehran Is Backing Truce Plan

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Diplomats at the United Nations said Friday that Iran was cooperating with Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar toward putting into effect the Security Council's cease-fire resolution for the Gulf war.

They said Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar had reported to council members in a seven-point memorandum this week after talks he had with Iran's president, Ali Khamenei.

They said the secretary-general also said Iran viewed as essential two simultaneous first steps to initiate the process: observance of a cease-fire and establishment of an impartial body to determine responsibility for the war.

He also told the council last week that this was his understanding of the Iranian position. He said that in talks in Baghdad, the Iraqis told him a conditional, informal cease-fire was unacceptable to them.

The 15 Security Council members met behind closed doors on Friday to review developments in the UN effort to end the war.

Diplomats said that after a lukewarm response to a U.S. proposal that the council impose an arms embargo against Iran for its failure so far to accept the cease-fire order, Washington had deferred further action, but the White House denied any delay.

In his memorandum, the secretary-general said Iran regarded a report he made to the council after his Gulf peace mission this month as effectively representing its position as expressed to him in Tehran.

Referring to the Iranian demand for an inquiry, Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar said Tehran wanted the first step to be identifying the aggressor, which it felt could be quickly accomplished.

The second task would be to determine the consequences of that responsibility. The Iraqis said this could be a judicial process over a longer time, Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar said.

He said that, in the first phase, Iran was prepared to observe a cease-fire on the basis of what he termed unclassified understandings with him. These were not further identified.

From the start of the second phase, he said, Iran would publicly declare its acceptance of a cease-fire.

It would also be prepared to accept agreed verification measures during a cease-fire, again on the basis of understandings with him, the secretary-general said.

In his view, he said, was that a cease-fire by itself would not ensure peace and that the sooner the political step of identifying the aggressor was taken, the sooner the whole process would gain momentum.

The council's resolution of July 20, which demanded an immediate cease-fire, provided for the establishment of an impartial inquiry into responsibility for the war, and this provision is acceptable to Iraq, which says Iran fired the first shots.

Iran says the war began with Iraq's invasion of its territory on Sept. 22, 1980. Iraq says Iran violated its frontier 18 days earlier.

In Washington, meanwhile, the



REVOLUTIONARY FROGMEN — Among participants in a military parade in Tehran, marking the eighth anniversary of the start of Iran's war with Iraq, were frogmen from the Revolutionary Guards. They are believed to be involved in military activities in the Gulf.

U.S. Video of 'Mining' Lays an Egg

WASHINGTON — High technology was going to provide irrefutable proof: Iranian sailors, recorded on videotape, dumping mines into the Gulf in the dark of night.

But when U.S. officials took a look at the videotape, shot by helicopter crews during Monday night's attack on the Iran Ajr, they saw nothing.

"We looked at it, and it just wasn't there," a Defense Department official said.

"It happens all the time," according to a White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater. "You can go to Fotomat and have the same problems," he said,

referring to a U.S. chain of snapshots developing outlets.

To Pentagon officials it was no laughing matter. They had hoped to hold up the videotape to the world as the clinching evidence of Iranian wrongdoing. "Obviously it's a big disappointment to us that it didn't turn out," one Pentagon official said. "It would have been great." Officials said the videotape had been shot using sensitive infrared sensors that depend on starlight to illuminate images.

"It's hardly the kind of job you could do at Fotomat," one Pentagon official said, miffed by the White House comment.

White House said Friday that a measure have threatened a filibuster against it. The legislation was introduced in reaction to Mr. Reagan's refusal to invoke the War Powers Act of 1973 that gave Congress a say in continued deployment of U.S. forces in the Gulf.

In a harshly worded statement, the White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said the proposed legislation "would pull the rug out from under the United States and our friends in the Persian Gulf," and he warned Congress the president would veto the measure.

It was unclear when the Senate would take up the legislation, which is being proposed as an amendment to a military authorization bill.

It would force Mr. Reagan to halt U.S. warship protection of Kuwait tankers in the Gulf in 90 days unless Congress approved the protection by then.

Republican opponents of the

worldwide arms embargo against Iran while UN diplomats explore new possibilities for a voluntary Iranian cease-fire in its war against Iraq, according to U.S. officials.

Mr. Shultz and Mr. Shevardnadze both spoke of the importance of sticking together on the UN-related diplomacy as they emerged from their 90-minute session at the U.S. mission to the United Nations. They gave no details of their meeting, which Mr. Shultz called "a very constructive and worthwhile discussion."

Mr. Shevardnadze said the session produced "agreement in principle" to "preserve the unity among the permanent members of the Security Council."

Party Aide Loses Yugoslav Post

BELGRADE — The head of the Belgrade Communist Party, Dragisa Pavlovic, was dropped Friday from the party leadership in Serbia, the biggest republic of Yugoslavia.

Western diplomats in Belgrade said the dismissal brought into the open a leadership crisis in Serbia, after an earlier political upheaval in the central republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina over a financial scandal.

A top party official called Thursday for the resignation of three federal government leaders, including the finance minister, Svetozar Rikanovic, for dereliction of duty. He cited their role in a scandal involving the issue of almost \$1 billion in false promissory notes.

Fijian Colonel Stages Second Coup Since May

SUVA, Fiji — Lieutenant Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka on Friday staged his second coup in less than five months, saying he wanted to safeguard the rights of the minority ethnic Fijian population.

Colonel Rabuka, 39, who appointed himself head of the army at the time of his coup May 14, announced in a nationwide broadcast that Fiji's military had "reasserted their authority over the government of Fiji."

In London, the Foreign Office said Britain was "deeply concerned" about the coup. Fiji is a member of the British Commonwealth.

"This further military intervention is a blow to the process of reconciliation which the governor-general has been patiently pursuing," the Foreign Office said in a statement.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke of Australia said he was "shocked and saddened" by the coup, adding that his Labor government would review its relations with Fiji.

Prime Minister David Lange of New Zealand announced that the New Zealand Navy ship Monowai would leave Saturday for Fiji in case New Zealanders needed to be evacuated. He said that there were about 1,000 New Zealand tourists in Fiji but that none appeared to be in imminent danger.

Mr. Lange said the second coup was worse than the first because Colonel Rabuka had "effectively" this time announced an ouster of the governor-general, "who is Queen Elizabeth's representative."

After the takeover, there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Colonel Rabuka said in radio broadcast that wanted "to assure all citizens, irrespective of race or creed, that the rule of law will be maintained."

When Colonel Rabuka mounted his coup in May, he said he deposed Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra and his Indian-dominated cabinet to restore political power to ethnic Fijians, a 47-percent minority. Indians, descendants of British indentured sugar plantation labor, make up 49 percent of the population of 715,000.

Mr. Bavadra was arrested Friday, according to the Australian Associated Press.

The news agency quoting an unidentified security guard, said Mr. Bavadra was arrested 25 miles west of Suva while driving to his home and was being held at an undetermined location.

After the coup in May, an interim government was appointed, but Colonel Rabuka said he staged the takeover Friday because he had been unable to alter the constitution to protect the rights of ethnic Fijians. He announced a nationwide 8 P.M.-to-5 A.M. curfew, the Australian Associated Press said.

Armed troops took control of the country's two daily newspapers and a commercial radio station at 4 P.M. Colonel Rabuka announced the coup on the radio 50 minutes later. Staff members at the newspapers and stations were forced from office buildings at gunpoint.

The governor-general, Ratu Sir Penia Ganilau, who represents Queen Elizabeth in this former British colony, had headed the interim government assisted by a council of advisers that included Colonel Rabuka.

The governor-general was reported to be safe Friday at the Government House in Suva, where he was not being detained, according to the Australian high commissioner, John Piper.

The news agency reported that soldiers ransacked Mr. Bavadra's home in Suva, firing shots into the ceiling and terrifying the family, but that family members were not injured. It said troops left the house about 30 minutes later.

The coup came after a week of increased tensions and an announcement Wednesday by Fiji's rival political parties to form a bipartisan government Tuesday to be known as a council of state.

The 20-member council was viewed as a major step to restoring democratic processes to Fiji. Colonel Rabuka in his broadcast made no mention of that plan.

The council was to be run by Mr. Bavadra, 52, an ethnic Fijian, and Ratu Sir Kamiseva Mara, the prime minister defeated in April elections that brought Mr. Bavadra to power.



Li Peng

Technocrat In China May Get Top Post

By Daniel Southerland
Washington Post Service

BEIJING — President Li Xianmin of China on Friday gave the strongest indication yet that the new prime minister will be Deputy Prime Minister Li Peng, a 59-year-old technocrat who is regarded as more of a traditional Communist than other candidates for the job.

Japanese sources, reporting on a Japanese delegation's meeting Friday with President Li, said that he had selected the deputy prime minister as headed for a top post.

Some analysts took this as an unmistakable sign that Li Peng was destined to be prime minister.

"Li Peng is a very young man, a man of ability," said Li Xianmin, according to the sources.

"He is not yet 60," the president is reported to have said. "From now on, you should associate with Li Peng and with other new leaders."

The sources also said President Li told the Japanese delegation that he would retire both from the presidency and from the five-member standing committee of the Politburo after a Communist Party congress to be convened Oct. 25.

Diplomats and analysts in Beijing and in Hong Kong said earlier this week that all signals pointed to Li Peng's appointment as prime minister, either permanently or temporarily, early next year, if not before.

These sources said that Chinese leaders advocating rapid economic change and their more conservative rivals had compromised on leadership changes to be endorsed at the party congress.

Traditionalist party elders who are apprehensive about economic changes introduced by the senior Chinese leader, Deng Xiaoping, are said to have retained a number of key positions through which they can continue to exert influence.

Some of these elders, such as the economist Chen Yun, are said to favor the appointment of Li Peng as prime minister.

Li Xianmin is reported to have told the Japanese delegation, however, that China would not depart from its changes or from its open-door policy toward the outside world.

A Japanese analyst argued that it would be dangerous to assume that because Li Peng is appointed prime minister it will mean China is moving in a more "conservative" direction ideologically.

"Li Peng is not oriented toward more emphasis on ideology," this analyst said. "He is a technocrat."

WORLD BRIEFS

China Trips for Kin Only, Taiwan Says
TAIPEI (AP) — Prime Minister Yu Kuo-hua has ruled out allowing citizens of Taiwan to visit China as tourists, saying Friday that a plan to lift a 38-year-old ban on travel to the mainland was only for family reunions.

Mr. Yu was responding to a legislator who proposed increasing civilian contact with China. The legislator, Huang Ho-ching of the governing Nationalist Party, proposed travel to China for family reunions, tourism and news reporting, as well as direct trade.

Mr. Yu said the government was considering only a policy to allow family reunions for "humanitarian reasons." On Thursday, Economic Affairs Minister Lee Ta-hai said direct trade and investment in China were against government policy.

West German State Premier Resigns
BONN (Reuters) — The premier of the West German state of Schleswig-Holstein, in a blow to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, resigned Friday, taking responsibility for a dirty-tricks campaign against an opponent in recent state elections.

"I am resigning from my post as state prime minister," Uwe Barschel, 43, said at a news conference. Mr. Barschel, who barely returned the Christian Democrats to office in the elections Sept. 13, said he would fight allegations made by a former press aide and the newsmagazine Der Spiegel. He also again denied the allegations, but said he was assuming responsibility for the aide's actions.

The aide, Reiner Pfeiffer, was quoted by the magazine as saying that Mr. Barschel had ordered him to hire private detectives to spy on the Social Democratic candidate, Bjorn Engholm, and to anonymously denounce Mr. Engholm for tax fraud.

Transkei Premier, 8 Ministers Ousted
JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — A politician who urged clean government in the South African tribal homeland of Transkei has been named acting prime minister after an upheaval in which eight cabinet ministers were forced to resign, officials said Friday.

The upheaval in the territory, bordering the Indian Ocean and set up by Pretoria for the Xhosa tribe in 1976, followed allegations of widespread corruption. The eight cabinet members said they had been forced to quit by the Transkei armed forces on Thursday. "It was not at all" was under pressure, said the deputy prime minister, Gladwin Vika.

The minister of welfare and pensions, Chief Dumisani Gladstone Gwadiiso, 35, will take over in the absence of Prime Minister George Matanzima. President Tuto Ndamsane of Transkei announced Mr. Matanzima, who had faced allegations of corruption, was reported to be in seclusion in a hotel in the South African city of Port Elizabeth.

Pakistan Proposes Nuclear-Free Zone
UNITED NATIONS, New York (NYT) — Pakistan's prime minister proposed Thursday a nuclear-free zone and a regional test ban treaty in South Asia, both to include Indian participation.

In a speech to the General Assembly, Mohammed Khan Junejo said his government would also accept a bilateral test ban between Pakistan and India. He said he broached that to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India when the two met in June but had not yet received a response.

Pakistan has long resisted signing the existing nuclear nonproliferation treaty or adopting any test ban without similar measures by India. The speech was the first time Mr. Junejo has proposed a regional approach to achieve symmetrical nuclear disarmament measures by India. A senior Indian diplomat called the Pakistani proposal "not serious" adding, "the main thing is Pakistan must stop doing what the whole world knows it is doing — clandestinely developing nuclear weapons."

Publisher Paid Wright Top Royalties
WASHINGTON (WP) — The speaker of the House, Jim Wright, has received almost \$55,000 in the last two years as royalties on a book that he wrote that was published by a friend whose printing company was paid \$265,000 for services to Mr. Wright's campaign committee last year.

According to Mr. Wright, a Texas Democrat, he receives \$3.25 for each copy of the \$5.95 paperback book, "Reflections of a Public Man," sold by Carlos Moore, a Fort Worth printer and a friend of Mr. Wright.

That is a 55-percent royalty, which is more than five times an author's standard royalty, and it exceeds the 40-percent royalties usually paid to authors who finance the publication of their own works. Mr. Moore paid for the publication of Mr. Wright's book.

For the Record
Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old West German pilot sentenced to four years in a labor camp for his flight across Soviet territory, has applied to the Soviet Supreme Court for a pardon, Tass reported Thursday.

South Africa's ambassador-designate to France, Hendrik Geldenhuys, whose credentials President François Mitterrand refused to accept in June, is to present them Oct. 2 in Paris, a diplomatic source said Friday.

The decision follows the release from prison of a French aid worker, Pierre-André Albertini.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Swedish-Danish Bridge Plan Delayed
STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — Environmentalists in the governing Social Democratic Party forced Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson on Friday at the party's national convention to reconsider plans to build a four-lane highway and rail bridge between Copenhagen and Malmo, Sweden.

Critics said the project, which had been agreed to in principle with the Danish government, would add to serious pollution problems in the Øresund strait and raise levels of car exhaust fumes. They insisted upon a fuller investigation of a plan to link the countries by rail tunnel.

Train service through the Saint Gotthard Pass returned to normal Friday, the Swiss railroad said, one month after heavy rains and flooding forced closure of parts of Switzerland's main north-south travel connection.

Denmark has warned the Jordanian airline Alia that it could lose landing rights in Denmark unless it stops carrying illegal immigrants, an official said Friday. In the past two weeks the airline has brought 137 Palestinians to Copenhagen who have sought asylum but have no entry visas.

SYRIA: Soviet Arms Cutback Is Hindering War Effort

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better than before, but we have not achieved parity."

General Tias did acknowledge that the Gulf war was draining resources from the Arab world that otherwise would have helped finance Syria's objective of reaching a military balance with Israel.

"The money for strategic parity is being spent on Iran and Iraq in the air," he said.

Syria's chief financial supporter is Saudi Arabia, which contributes \$540 million a year in three installments, plus miscellaneous grants that often push the total over \$600 million.

Iran also makes an important contribution to the Syrian economy; it provided 1.7 million barrels of free crude oil in 1986 and 1987 and offers additional oil at discounted prices.

Syria, General Tias said, has to pay cash for Soviet weapons and does so to maintain its independence from Moscow.

He responded to questions about new Soviet attitudes in the Middle East by saying, "When we ask for weapons, the Soviet Union has its own strategy and we have our own strategy, and they are not always in compliance."

General Tias said he accompanied President Hafez al-Assad to Moscow in April, "and we had to negotiate, bargain and fight bullet by bullet, cannon by cannon and bomb by bomb, and we still got the minimum of our needs."

The Soviet supply relationship enabled Syria to throw its 325,000-man army and modern air force against Israel during the 1967 and 1973 wars.

In 1982 the air force was badly mauled when it rose against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, but the Soviets fully replaced Syria's losses and provided even more sophisticated equipment, such as SAM-5 air defense missiles, to counter what had proved to be Israel's far superior aerial tactics and electronic warfare capabilities.

Syria's economic problems and a severe shortage of foreign exchange have apparently affected its ability to buy new weapons and maintain a high level of readiness, diplomatic and military sources said.

A little more than a year ago, Israeli officials complained that new front lines and the installation of new layers of air defense emplacements might provoke Israel to strike pre-emptively against Syria.

But tensions have dissipated, perhaps due to both sides' pre-occupations with internal problems, a Western official suggested.

During President Assad's consultations in Moscow in April, Mikhail S. Gorbachev pointedly stated the new Soviet thinking when he said that "the reliance on military force has completely lost its credibility as a way of solving Middle East conflict."

Soviet Bomber Flies Over West Germany

BONN — A Soviet bomber flew over West Germany territory briefly last week but turned back without incident, the West German Defense Ministry said Friday.

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Mary Astor

MARY ASTOR — Mary Astor, actress of "The Maltese Falcon" and "The Sign of the Cross" died Friday at the Motion Picture Hospital of natural causes, it was reported.

Astoria was 77. She was born in 1906 in San Francisco. She was married to John Astor, who died in 1952. She was married to Paul Douglas in 1953. She was married to Robert Montgomery in 1954. She was married to Robert Montgomery in 1954. She was married to Robert Montgomery in 1954.

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AMERICAN TOPICS



PRESIDENTIAL SHOT ON GOAL — In the Rose Garden at the White House, President Ronald Reagan prepared to shoot against Pete Peeters, goalie for the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League. The president was greeting the U.S. Olympic hockey team, which was in Washington for a game against the Capitals.

States Act to Stem Tide of Takeovers

Twenty-six of the 50 states have enacted laws that severely limit corporate takeovers, and some observers say the trend already is slowing the past decade's takeover wave, the Los Angeles Times reports. Such measures are pushed by local companies and legislators seeking to protect local jobs and businesses.

The laws have been criticized as hurting not only stockholders, who could profit from takeover offers, but also companies that want to acquire or be acquired, or that simply want to maintain maximum investor interest in their stock. The restrictions, opponents say, may serve to protect incompetent managers, and do not guarantee that local companies will not lay off employees or sell assets anyway.

The U.S. Congress has tinkered only with federal takeover rules, out of concern that a thorough overhaul might upset the balance of power between corporate managers and those who want to get rid of them. The states, the Los Angeles Times says, are rushing in where Congress has feared to tread.

Thus, Arizona has shielded Greyhound Corp., Washington state has done as much for Boeing and Massachusetts has protected Gillette Co.

Short Takes

Mamma Leone's, a New York landmark since 1906, is closing for as long as a year. The restaurant claims to be the biggest in town, with 11 dining rooms and 1,250 seats. Restaurant Associates Industries, which bought Mamma Leone's in 1959, has sold its site on West 48th Street in the theater district to a condominium developer. The owners say they are looking for a new location in the same neighborhood.

By 1989 public school teachers will be able to make up to \$70,000 a year in Rochester, New York, the highest rate in the country. The starting rate will be \$29,000 a year, compared to \$25,000 in New York City, where the cost of living is 10 percent higher. The median rate will be \$46,000. Rochester, with two-thirds black and Hispanic pupils, needs the best teachers it can find. The high school dropout rate is 30 percent. The high salary scale was made possible by an alliance between the school superintendent and the teachers' union chief, and by generous state and county aid.

Minneapolis has been invaded by Canada geese. Thousands of them are thronging, and fouling, its parks, beaches and backyards. The city has captured and shipped away about 1,000 to areas short of geese, like Oklabo-

ma, and has opened a 10-day goose-hunting season. Minneapolis, its Chamber of Commerce says, "is a town where the major urban problem is Dutch elm disease and the No. 1 crime is overtime parking." "O.K., so we don't have many serious urban problems," said Ross Levine, a motorcycle policeman. "You focus on what you've got."

Girls picketed in the hallways at Muesel Elementary School in South Bend, Indiana, against a boys-only re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Their fifth-grade teacher, Nancy Mills, said the girls deliberately were excluded for authenticity and to point up the long struggle for women's rights. She asked, "What better way to have kids understand how things have changed?"

President Ronald Reagan, denouncing the Democrats for advocating "pit bull" economics that "may look harmless, but let it loose and it'll tear America's future apart," ended his speech with a story about a man who knocked on his neighbor's door and asked, "Do you own a black pit bull?"

The neighbor said he did, and the man said, "My Pekingese killed it." "Your Pekingese killed it?" the neighbor replied incredulously. "How?" "It got stuck in his throat." —ARTHUR HIGBEE

U.S. Company to Recruit Chinese for Farm Work

By Fox Butterfield

NEW YORK — A company run by Chinese-Americans here has contracted to bring a large number of Chinese peasants to the United States as temporary farm workers under a program established by the 1986 immigration law.

K.K. Soo, the president of the Chinese Agricultural Manpower Center, the New York concern, said he had a contract with the Chinese government to recruit the peasants and already had received inquiries from U.S. growers, from Oregon and California to New Jersey and New York.

"We think China has the best farmers in the world," Mr. Soo said, "and this can be beneficial both to China, which needs the foreign exchange, and to American farmers who are short of workers."

Mr. Soo's plan recalls the mid-19th century, when thousands of poor Chinese peasants, known as coolies, were brought to the United States to help build railroads across the West and to work in the California gold fields, giving rise to widespread discrimination against them by white Americans.

But the manager of the new project, Cheoon Fung, said: "There is a very significant difference between now and then. At the time, those Chinese were mostly illegal immigrants and were poorly paid. This is a legal program where the workers' wages, food and living conditions will be supervised by the U.S. government."

"We are not exploiting them," said Mr. Fung, who was born in Hong Kong and

to harvest crops like apples, grapes and berries in the United States.

The program provides that U.S. farmers who obtain a certificate after proving that there are no U.S. workers available in their area to harvest perishable crops can get visas for the laborers they need.

The first Chinese workers are expected to arrive next spring, Mr. Fung said.

Duke Austin, a spokesman for the Immi-

gration and Naturalization Service in Washington, said 24,544 foreign farm laborers had been admitted to the United States on temporary visas last year under an earlier, more restrictive version of the program.

He said he had not heard of Mr. Soo's recruiting plan.

"This is a new idea," he said. "I'm not sure it's viable since there is a debate over whether there is really a shortage of farm workers

between the growers and the United Farm Workers."

But Mr. Austin added that the effort to bring in Chinese workers was completely legal. Under the law, the only requirement is that a farmer determine that there are no American workers available. The farmer must advertise for workers in local newspapers or on radio stations, and then must obtain a certificate from the regional office of the Labor Department attesting to the farmer's need.

A Chinese worker could stay in the United States up to 10 months under the H-2A program, he said.

The Chinese workers will be recruited by the China State Farms Agribusiness Corp., a government agency, Mr. Fung said. China already has more than 50,000 workers in 70 different countries, ranging from construction workers and farmers to cooks and doctors, he said.

This program to export workers, begun after the ascension to power of Deng Xiaoping in the late 1970s, helps provide hard-currency earnings to pay for Beijing's economic modernization plans.

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—K.K. Soo, head of U.S. company

came to the United States in 1970. Mr. Soo was born in Indonesia and grew up in China and Taiwan.

Mr. Soo said it was impossible to make a firm projection of the number of Chinese peasants who would be brought in under the program, known as H-2A by the U.S. Department of Labor. But he said that based on published figures, there was a shortage of 300,000 to 500,000 temporary farm workers

Congress Gives Nudge To a Balanced Budget

By Jonathan Fuerbringer

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Congress has put some teeth back into the budget-balancing law, but the way it has done so suggests that tackling the deficit effectively is simply too difficult a task in the twilight of the Ronald Reagan presidency and on the eve of an election year.

The new mechanism for making automatic cuts in federal spending, a procedure that the House and the Senate approved this week, does as much to ease the pain of reducing the deficit as it does to stem the tide of government red ink.

"It is not a happenstance that we have crafted something which permits us to be on record in favor of balancing the budget," said Sen. William L. Armstrong, Republican of Colorado, a member of the budget committee, "and yet puts off the heavy lifting beyond the next 18 months so that all the senators who are running for election can get themselves elected or re-elected, and so that the next president can, before the hard work really starts."

The automatic cuts would take effect in the absence of a separate deficit-cutting agreement between President Reagan and Congress.

The president, opposing both tax increases pushed by Democratic leaders in Congress as part of such an agreement and the military cutbacks that would result from automatic reductions, has not decided whether to sign or veto the measure, the White House said Thursday.

The administration, according to officials, is sharply divided over whether the president should sign or veto the legislation. Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger wants a veto because of the potential of the automatic cuts in the military budget.

But other officials, including the White House chief of staff, Howard

H. Baker Jr., are arguing that a veto would be damaging politically.

The legislation Congress has passed eases the deficit ceilings established by the budget-balancing law, passed in 1985, and delays for two years, until 1993, the ultimate goal of achieving a balanced budget. At the same time, it repairs the constitutional flaw that led the Supreme Court last year to strike down provisions that required automatic cuts in federal spending if the deficit goals were unmet.

The new legislation would shift the authority for evaluating whether that goal is met to the president's Office of Management and Budget, thereby getting around the court's objection and clearing the way for across-the-board spending cuts to take effect if Congress and the president cannot agree on a budget within striking range of the deficit target.

The enforcement mechanism that this bill replaces was the heart of the budget-balancing law when it was passed. It meant that the deficit would be reduced, one way or another — if not through the normal budgeting process, then through indiscriminate spending cuts. But the new bill significantly scales back Congress' commitment for deficit reduction in the 1988 fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, and 1989 because of the president's opposition to tax increases. The 1988 commitment — to \$37 billion in savings, including \$19.3 billion in tax increases — was slashed to \$23 billion.

Mary Astor, Film Actress, Is Dead at 81

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mary Astor, 81, the temptress of "The Maltese Falcon" and star of dozens of other films, died Friday at the Motion Picture Country Hospital of natural causes.

Miss Astor made her screen debut in the silent era, at 14, and was almost a casualty of the transition to talking. She also nearly fell victim to drink and drugs.

Her films included "Dodsworth" with Walter Huston; "Prisoner of Zenda" with Ronald Coleman; and "The Great Lie," with Bette Davis, which brought her an Oscar for best supporting actress in 1941.

But she was best known as the scheming adventuress who killed Sam Spade's partner in "The Maltese Falcon." The 1941 John Huston film, with Humphrey Bogart, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorne, became a classic.

Miss Astor was born Lucille Langhanke in Quincy, Illinois, an only child. Her father, a German immigrant who worked as a poultry farmer, window decorator and teacher, was quick to realize the potential of his beautiful daughter. He moved the family to Chicago, where she took drama lessons, and then to New York and Hollywood. She got a contract and a new name in 1920.

Kenneth Hawks, the director, whom she married in 1928, was killed in an plane crash in 1931. Her parents sued her for nonsupport.

In 1935, her second husband, Dr. Franklin Thorpe, a gynecologist, divorced her and was granted custody of their daughter, Marylyn. Miss Astor sued the following year to gain custody, and scandal broke out.

Dr. Thorpe released excerpts from a diary that recorded in explicit detail Miss Astor's affairs with other men. She maintained those pages were forged by someone who hoped the studios would block her.

She also appeared on stage in California in New York and had a weekly radio show recruiting women for the U.S. Navy's Waves during the war.

At the same time, she was drinking more and more. She credited her recovery from alcoholism to a priest who encour-



Mary Astor

aged her to record her experiences as part of her therapy. They formed the basis of her autobiography in 1959. Emlyn Williams, 81,

Welsh Actor-Playwright LONDON (AP) — Emlyn Williams, 81, the Welsh actor-playwright who wrote the 1938 hit play "The Corn Is Green" died Friday of cancer.

The son of a factory worker, Mr. Williams spoke only Welsh until he went to school, and was always proud of his Welsh roots, which brought him into contact with such eminent contemporaries as Richard Burton and Dylan Thomas, whose poetry he used in one-man shows.

In 1938, he appeared as Morgan Evans, a young Welsh coal miner, opposite Sybil Thorndike in "The Corn Is Green," a success that won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best foreign play of the year.

Merlin Minshall, Spy For U.K. in World War II LONDON (AP) — Merlin Minshall, 81, a World War II special agent who operated behind German lines in a series of daring exploits, died Sept. 3, his family said.

He attended Oxford University and then enrolled at an architectural school. He joined the Naval Volunteer Reserve and became involved in naval intelligence. He clashed with the director of naval intelligence but won the support of the director's personal assistant, Ian Fleming.

Mr. Fleming went on to write best-selling novels that featured the suave, ruthless special agent, James Bond. Mr. Minshall is widely thought to have been one of the characters on whom Mr. Fleming based Bond.

Senate Arms Votes Back Reagan Military Plans

By Helen Dewar

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate has rejected a proposed moratorium on underground nuclear tests and curbs on new chemical weapons in a pair of victories for the Reagan administration on military policy for next year.

The votes came as the Senate met Thursday night to work on amendments holding up approval of a \$303 billion military authorization bill for the 1988 fiscal year.

By a 62-35 margin, the Senate rejected a proposal to stop testing for two years of all but the smallest nuclear weapons as long as the Soviet Union suspended testing and agreed to on-site monitoring and other verification requirements.

It then voted 52-44 against an amendment to block assembly of a new generation of nerve-gas and-ery shells for a year, and 49-48 against a proposal to end production of a new chemical bomb, known as Bigeye.

Rejection of these arms curbs contrasted with Senate approval on Sept. 17 of restrictions on testing and development of the administration's Strategic Defense Initiative.

Quintuplets Born in Canada

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — Quintuplets born here Tuesday, the first in Canada in 50 years, and their mother, Lauren Forgie, are doing as well as can be expected, according to their father, Kim Forgie.

five. That move prompted President Ronald Reagan to threaten to veto the entire military authorization bill.

The Senate previously has opposed both a nuclear test ban and chemical weapons curbs, while the House of Representatives has supported them.

Other Senate action on the military bill included these moves: • The Senate restated its opposition to Soviet occupation of its new embassy compound in Washington by voting 69-27 to scrap an existing U.S.-Soviet embassy agreement. The vote also prohibits Moscow from building a structure on land exceeding 90 feet (27 meters) above sea level. The height restriction would reduce the embassy's electronic surveillance capabilities.

• The Senate voted 97-0 to threaten Panama with a cutoff of aid and with other sanctions unless it moves to restore democratic rights and establish civilian control over its military.

• In a voice-vote, the Senate backed an amendment limiting foreign participation in military construction in the United States.

In debate over the nuclear testing moratorium, Mark O. Hatfield, Republican of Oregon, contended that the best way to avoid nuclear war is to curb what he called the "runaway technology" of the arms race.

In opposing Mr. Hatfield, J. James Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, noted that the United States and the Soviet Union agreed last week to begin talks on a comprehensive testing ban.

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Among U.S. Democrats, Talk Is 'Who's Next?'

Disclosures and Biden's Withdrawal Help Blur Outlook for '88 Campaign

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
WASHINGTON — With the withdrawal of Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. from the presidential race, the talk among Democrats is not "Who's up?" or "Who's down?" but "Who's next?"

There is an eerie sense that the 1988 campaign will be decided less by free elections and more by the politics of disclosure, enhanced by a high level of early-season backbiting among candidates.

Analysis is based on Mr. Gephardt's narrow lead over Mr. Dukakis in polls in Iowa and Mr. Dukakis's lead in New Hampshire, where New England chauvinism may be partly responsible.

Atom Agency Demands Israel Accept Safeguards
VIENNA — A resolution demanding that Israel place all its nuclear facilities under the safeguards inspection system of the International Atomic Energy Agency Friday was adopted at the agency's annual conference here.

Asian Floods and Droughts Threaten Rice Shortage

By Michael Richardson
SINGAPORE — Droughts and floods across southern Asia have caused extensive damage to major rice-producing regions, prompting some experts to predict that several of the most populous nations will soon face severe food shortages.

In Bangladesh, the government estimates that more than 1,000 people have died and as many as 25 million others have seen their mud-walled homes swept away in the worst floods in 40 years.

Officials said that the flooding had destroyed nearly three million metric tons of rice. Up to 28 inches (70 centimeters) of rain was dumped on the country in July and August.

Hundreds of people chanted 'Give us food' and 'Let us live again' during protests in Bangladesh.

Vo Van Kiet, told the National Assembly in a report in June that there was likely to be a shortage of 1.1 million tons of rice this year, caused mainly by bad weather in the northern part of the country.

Economists in India predict that the output of grains will fall by up to 20 million tons this year, from a level of 150 million tons in 1986. They said that most of this loss would be in rice and that at least 10 million tons of grain imports would be needed.

GULF: Weinberger Visit

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an unarmed merchant ship. Iran said it had continued to bombard the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

Mr. Weinberger's tour was shrouded in a secrecy dictated not only by security but also by the sensitivities of the Arab Gulf states.

He said a number of times in his remarks to the sailors that these states supported the American effort but did not like to be publicly identified with it.

Mr. Weinberger, appearing somewhat flustered, said that was a good idea and directed an aide to note that a campaign medal should be authorized for Gulf service.

Moments later, a sailor shouldered his way forward and, glaring at the defense secretary, demanded: "Why is our hazard pay taxed?"

TRUCE: Key Differences

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to press for the surrender and disarming of those in rebellion, but as forgetting past offenses and hatreds," the bishops said.

Contra Truce Expected
A top contra leader says he will propose a cease-fire with Managua early next month as part of his group's compliance with the peace plan.

Leaders of the Miskito Indians, who have been fighting a guerrilla war against the Nicaraguan government, said Thursday that they wanted to negotiate a cease-fire as a step toward ending the fighting.

UN Envoy Named by Reagan
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan has announced that he will nominate Herbert Stuart Okun to be a U.S. representative to the 42d session of the UN General Assembly.

TIME: At 78, Parkinson Still Lays Down the Laws

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nor, once asked him to lecture on why the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge's original repairing crew of 14 members grew to 72 after a labor-saving paint sprayer was introduced.

For his latest law, Parkinson has been studying a new work generation busy with gyphs and dreams at their computers, a tool he declines to pick up.

He lives on the island because of its Gulf Stream moderation of climate and more tepid rates of taxation than nearby England, which he left years ago.

The Economist magazine, which helped him toward fame 30 years ago by printing a bristling unsigned essay on bureaucracy that Mr. Parkinson cleverly titled Parkinson's Law, recently paid him the honor of remembering him and disagreeing with his latest effort.

Perhaps, Let Mr. Parkinson work on that some more from retirement. "My experience tells me the only thing people really enjoy over a long period of time is some kind of work," he said.

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Juan Carlos, Backstage Master

By Jim Hoagland

MADRID—As Generalissimo Francisco Franco lay dying through the golden Iberian autumn a dozen years ago, the Spanish people shared only one firm conviction about their political future: History would know the amiable young man whom Franco had chosen to be his political heir and their king as Juan Carlos the Brief. He was destined to be a figurehead monarch, quickly shoved from the throne by Spain's terrible-tempered political factions...

Luckily for Spain, the king proved wrong those who were ready to call him Juan Carlos the Brief. Now many fear he may be serious about stepping down at 65.



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every monarch in Europe and his other designated successor, making the point that in too many cases hereditary rulers come to the throne long after their prime years. His own heir, now 19, will be 35 when Juan Carlos is 65. The Spanish king has shocked some members of his family and royals in other countries by trying to end with the idea of retiring and arranging an orderly transition to his son...

Taiwan's 'Economic Miracle' Shows Signs of Fragility

By Daniel Gressel

HONG KONG—Taiwan's plan to lift its long-standing ban on travel to mainland China is a welcome sign that the isolated island may be starting to recognize the opportunity it now has to guarantee its future freedom and prosperity. After 25 years of amazing economic growth—the annual rate has averaged 9 percent—Taiwan's economic progress is beyond question. If it can continue to grow at this rate for the rest of the century, its economy will be larger than China's today...

Clearly, those who produce goods that would face stiffer competition from imports will resist such moves. But reform is being blocked mainly by some of the deeply conservative officials who lost the mainland, partly through gross economic mismanagement, and who have not forgotten it. Their hesitancy may cost the island its best chance to secure its political and economic future. Unilateral movement toward free trade would give Taiwan the freedom to deal from a position of strength with both Washington and Beijing. It would also secure a better life for its people.

Debt, Let Us Not Forget, Built America

By John R. MacArthur

NEW YORK—At a gathering of liberals on Manhattan's Upper West Side last month, I heard an earnest congressman outline his plan for returning the White House to Democratic control in 1988. Liberals in New York divide into many factions, but this particular group—myself included—was comprised of idealists that came as close as any I have known to George Wallace's famous caricature of "pointy headed bureaucrats." "The Democratic Party has got to embrace the good old-fashioned American value that you get what you pay for," the congressman exclaimed, as the white wine coursed through the room. "That's something people can understand, something they can relate to."

Without debt, financing from London bond buyers who provided the cash, and the U.S. government, which delivered the land—sometimes on credit, often for free—the rails could not have been laid by imported Chinese labor and the farms would not have been cultivated. It is also helpful to remember that Andrew Jackson came to power in 1828 in part because of resentment against the monopolistic, tight money practices of the U.S. Bank, whose centralized control over credit made it difficult for entrepreneurs to borrow money without financial connections. Yet the myth of the thrifty self-made man for whom debt is a sin continues to flourish. Scarcely forgotten, along with Jackson's destruction of the bank, are the English ex-convicts who helped settle America and whose only crime in the mother country was to fall prey to debt.

Learning From the Pump on the Well

By Tom Wicker

BERLIN—When a solar-powered water pump was provided for a well in India, the village headman took it over and sold the water, until stopped. The new liquid abundance attracted hordes of unwelcome nomads. Village boys who had drawn water in buckets had nothing to do, and some became criminals. The gap between rich and poor widened, since the poor had no land to benefit from irrigation. Finally, village women broke the pump, so they could gather again around the well that had been the center of their social lives. Moral: technological advances have social, cultural and economic consequences, often unanticipated.

reacting to vocal instruction would connect their users to an array of data banks through worldwide fiber-optic networks. In the West, he expects such computers to be low-priced consumer items. Through such devices, communications will become more personal; you won't dial the telephone number of a place but of a person, wherever he or she may be. Another result, Mr. Paroll said, could be a threat to the wholesale industry; retailers would be connected electronically to manufacturers, so that when a sale is recorded, an order for a replacement will be transmitted directly. He warned that "large business customers" mostly international, would be a major influence in determining public policy toward such technologies. They would want the highest level of service everywhere, and would go where they could get it without waiting for public policy to change. Thus, public policy will have to accommodate the demands of technology and those who want to benefit and profit from it.

IN OUR PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1912: Canal Progresses WASHINGTON—The Panama Canal will be opened in approximately one year, according to an announcement made at the Navy Department. The announcement is based upon data supplied by Colonel Goethals, chief of the Canal Commission, who declares that the concrete in the locks on the Pacific side of the canal will be laid by Oct. 1 this year, and adds that the Gatun dam will be completed by the end of the dry season of 1912-1913.

1937: Il Duce in Munich MUNICH—A diplomatic visit that may mark a turning point in European history began this morning (Sept. 25) when the train carrying Premier Benito Mussolini steamed into Munich's central station at ten o'clock. A moment later Signor Mussolini and Chancellor Adolf Hitler, the two foremost dictators of Europe, were clasping hands for the first time since they met in Venice in June 1934. Il Duce received one of the most rousing receptions ever given a foreign statesman in the Reich. Clad in the grayish-blue of a Fascist militiaman with a cornflower-blue sash across his chest, he drove in an open black Mercedes with Herr Hitler through the streets transformed into a forest of Italian and German flags. He was acclaimed with thunderous "Heils" and greeted by the raising of right arms in the Fascist salute.

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Bob Fosse: Musical Master

By Jeremy Gerard
New York Times Service

BOB FOSSE, 60, the choreographer and director who died of a heart attack Wednesday night in Washington, probably would not have been surprised at the way he was remembered by some of the people he'd worked with during more than three decades on Broadway and in Hollywood.

He had, after all, painted a complex and not always flattering self-portrait in his 1979 film "All That Jazz," and his own verdict was upheld Thursday by a court of his peers.

"His first wife worked for us, she kept telling us what a great talent he was," the veteran director, producer and writer George Abbott recalled in an interview from Philadelphia. Abbott hired Fosse in 1954 to stage the "Steam Heat" number in "Pajama Game," thus providing him with his debut as a Broadway choreographer.

"I asked Jerry Robbins if he'd ever heard of him, and Jerry said, 'Yeah, he's pretty good.' He had a unique rhythmic sense." Though Fosse went on to choreograph Abbott's next hit, "Damn Yankees," that doesn't appear to have increased (or diminished) his sense of Fosse

meet. He was thorough and he was hard working, but he was not a very nice man. He was not just nasty to other people — he was nasty to himself.

"He was one of the few people who really knew the musical theater," Joel Grey said. Grey is in Washington, where a revival of "Cabaret," in which he stars, is playing its pre-Broadway engagement. Though that show was directed on Broadway by Harold Prince and choreographed by Ron Field (who reprises those roles in the current edition), Fosse made the Oscar-winning film.

"What I'll remember is that dance vocabulary that he invented," Grey said. "He worked harder than everybody, exhausting every possibility to find the best way to do something. He created a new standard against which movie musicals would be judged." Prince said of Fosse: "He was an original, and irreplaceable."

They were no doubt referring to a style that, from the beginning, was instantly recognizable, and that had its roots in jazz. Fosse's dances would begin with torsos angled acutely, slowly coming into synchronization until an entire chorus was transformed into a single undulating organism. He loved the bowler drawn rakishly across a dancer's eye, the white glove, drifting, seemingly unattached, across the stage, the suggestive drift of cigarette smoke upward through a shaft of light. He hummed the theater in which he worked, rarely stopping when there was a show to get on.

"He was provocative," Fred Ebb, the lyricist of "Cabaret," said from Washington. "He was tough, too. You always wanted to be a fly on the wall when he was working. When I saw the film of 'Cabaret,' I thought it was astonishing, how joyous he was. I remember him stopping a rehearsal, saying, 'Listen, kids, they're good words.' In my ear last night, knowing I would never see him again, were his words, saying I was good."

Martin Richards was one of the producers of "Chicago," one of several Fosse shows that starred Gwen Verdon, his wife, from whom he was later separated, but who remained, always, his friend and colleague. "His death is a tremendous loss," Richards said.

"You know, reviews meant more to him than everything else," Richards continued. "That's all he worried about, 'Will people love me?'"



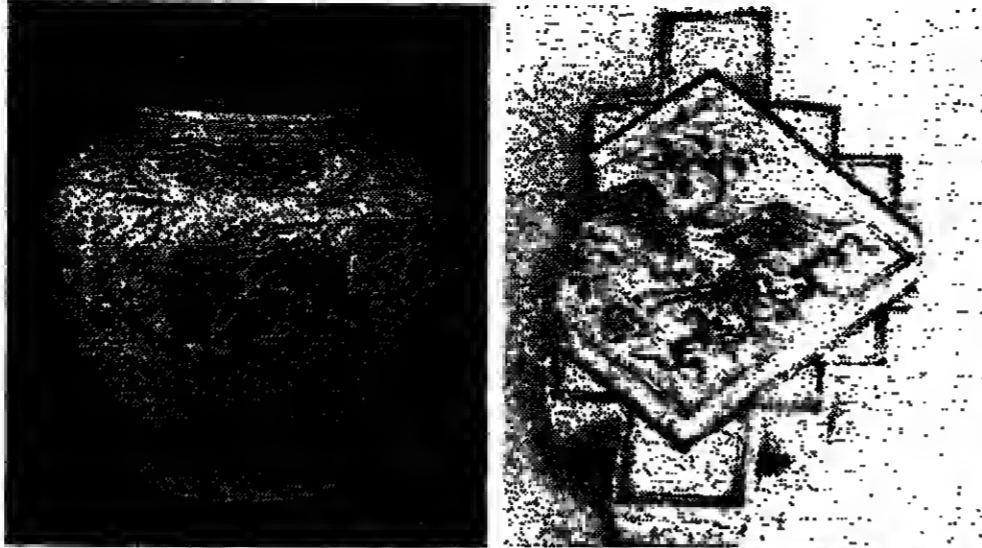
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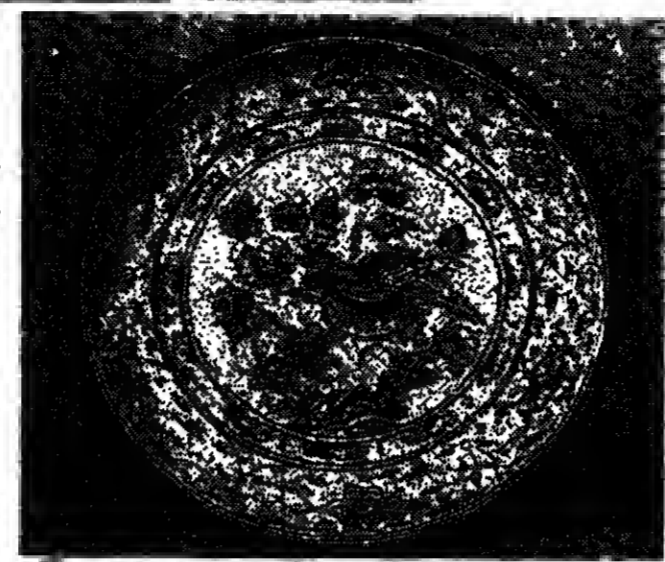
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Above left, Vietnamese porcelain jar, 15th century; above right, one of the enigmatic blue and white reversion tiles.



Vietnamese porcelain dish, with bird design in enamel.

Asian history concerns some blue and white reversion tiles from Vietnam that were found in East Java. A piece illustrated by Guy is shaped like a cross with stepped elements between the arms. The historian believes they were commissioned for a palace in the capital of an East Javanese Hindu kingdom in the 15th century. The problem is that those that are documented have turned up in Islamic monuments, including an early 15th century mosque at Demak. While on one hand the design of the tile is suggestive of a mandala or Hindu mental representation of the universe, on the other hand glazed tile reversion is utterly alien to the Hindu tradition. They belong to the world of Iran, from where they spread to other Islamic countries.

Considerable work has to be done before we begin to understand exactly what happened and how. There are vast quantities of Vietnamese pottery in France, neglected and often scattered in private hands. One "Colonel Potyenne," whose pre-World War II label was often to be seen on wares sold by the dozens at Dronot until the 1960s, must have brought back thousands of pots. They were not called Vietnamese in the past, nor Annamese as Guy states, referring to a Japanese source of 1954, but "porcelaine de Thanh-hoa," after the district in central Vietnam where many were apparently dug up.

Few bothered to buy them and they were handled by the French with the contempt reserved for loot from the colonies.

As for the later blue and white wares of the 15th and 16th centuries, they would probably not have been identified. Here Guy's book is essential. To get the full picture, it is necessary to turn to the splendidly illustrated volume on the Pusat Museum in Jakarta published by Kodansha International. In it are a few of the finest surviving Vietnamese blue and white wares, which followed trade routes perfectly analyzed by John Guy. It also includes two superb examples

of one of the most original creations of the Vietnamese potter — polychrome porcelain with sketches done in blackish blue and red on a cracked ivory ground.

Vietnamese pottery still has not come into its own. Few Western museums display their holdings. When Christie's held a sale of "Important Annamese Ceramics" from "The Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Piccus Collection" in December 1984, the most expensive items were those that came closest to the Chinese taste.

A dragon jar of the 15th century went up to £108,000 but an infinitely more original blue and white dish of the same period, with vividly sketched cartoon-like birds, made £13,500, and a blue jar with its neck shaped as a leaping carp was a giveaway at £9,150. The catalogue noted its rare glaze, an intense blue with variations in tonality. He knew of only one other example, seen in Singapore in 1982. He could not have been aware of a third one — a bottle with bamboo leaves coming down the neck and a trellis motif on the body. It was sold at Dronot in June 1982 — as 18th century Korean. I bought it for 35.60 francs under the wondering, half-ironical stares of Parisian connoisseurs. None of us had the slightest clue as to its identity and period, established by Christie's piece — 16th-century Vietnam.

Asia's Hidden Glories

By Flora Lee

ONDON — The last frontiers of the world's artistic heritage are being feverishly explored. The latest territory to be mapped out is Southeast Asia and its astonishing pottery. John Guy, an Australian historian who is an assistant keeper in the Victoria and Albert Museum, has just outlined some of its complex developments in a book called "Oriental Trade Ceramics in South-East Asia, Ninth to Sixteenth Centuries."

While the classifications and new datings he works out are aimed at scholars, the aesthetic landscape revealed in the second part of his book, which is a catalogue raisonné of Southeast Asian pottery in Australian collections, will leave few art lovers indifferent. It is light years away from that of China, even where Chinese influence is most obvious.

One of the most fascinating revelations of the book, even though the author does not deal with the subject in so many words, is the very specific taste that the area we now call Indonesia had for certain Chinese wares barely found elsewhere. Two wonderful bowls from Australian collections, published for the first time, illustrate a ninth century style characterized by remarkable freedom. Motifs of floral origin are reduced to abstract strokes and curves jotted in greyish green and rusty brown over a light honey ground. They swirl with the energy of Chinese calligraphy. Guy connects this style with the Chinese province of Hunan where the site of Changsha has yielded a fragment dated A.D. 838.

An ewer from the same area and period illustrate yet another little-known style. The squat, high shouldered body is thinly glazed and decorated with naturalistic leaves finely chiseled in four clusters arranged under big bold applications of purplish brown glaze forming a lotus petal motif. The contrast with the rest of the surface covered in a thin very pale glaze in the same tonality has a sophistication and a boldness that are remarkable. A related piece now in the Pusat Museum in Jakarta confirms that this type appealed to the Indonesian world in the ninth century. These and other pieces from later periods make it obvious that the Malay world, including Indonesia, had its own perception of what Chinese pottery was about. It was equally clear in its mind with regards to Vietnamese pottery.

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Waiting for Tickets to Seoul

With one year to go and no American agent yet selected to distribute tickets for events at the Seoul Olympics, the United States Olympic Committee is maintaining a list of people who ask about tickets, and promises to contact them when the agent is named. The lack of an agent is causing problems for travel agents who are eager to book tours to the Games, which open on Sept. 17, 1988. The next step, said Bob Condon, a spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee, is for the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee to name a ticket agent and for the U.S. Olympic Committee to approve that agent. The selection should be made by the first week in October, he said. Until then, Condon said, Americans should write to the Public Information Office, U.S. Olympic Committee, 1750 East Boulder Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80909. Byoung-Shik Rhee, the director of the Korea National Tourism Office in New York, said the fact that a ticket distributor has not yet been selected was not related to the recent political upheaval in his country, but he did point out that distributors had been selected in most other countries. Several travel agents offering tours to Korea that include Olympics tickets expressed concern. Eiji Kanno, the director of Pacific Select Tours, in New York, said, "It's our big headache. We are asking people just to hold off on their booking for another month or so. We feel it's a bit irresponsible to sell a tour without the guarantee of tickets."

French to Cater for Tourist Quirks

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by John F. Burns

ALBATROSS! At the skipper's cry, all eyes swept to starboard of the Darwin Sound II, a 71-foot (22-meter) ketch chartering in the Queen Charlotte Islands off Canada's northwest coast. It took a moment or two for an untrained eye to pick it up, a dark shadow gliding across the whitecaps of the heaving sea. After circling the yacht twice at a distance, it settled down amid a gaggle of smaller birds feasting on the breakfast of popcorn and pancakes cast overboard by the crew.

As a schoolboy raised on Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," I had thought of the albatross as a harbinger of misfortune at sea. But not, I learned, for Al and Irene Whitney, the Canadian owners and operators of the Darwin Sound II, nor for others in this region of the Pacific Northwest. To them this greatest of the seabirds, with its 10- to 12-foot wingspan and its habit of following boats for hours or days on end, is a welcome companion.

Discovering the albatross, and dozens of other winged species that seemed to a novice like something out of Monty Python at the Aviary—my notes tell me that our sightings included a sooty shearwater and a red-breasted sapsucker, a wandering tattler and a red-necked phalarope, among others—was only part of the education available for the paying guests aboard the Whitney's vessel. For 1,700 Canadian dollars (\$1,300 plus the return air fare to Sandspit, the 1940s-style island that serves the Queen Charlotte Islands, charter parties get an intimate introduction to a naturalist's paradise.

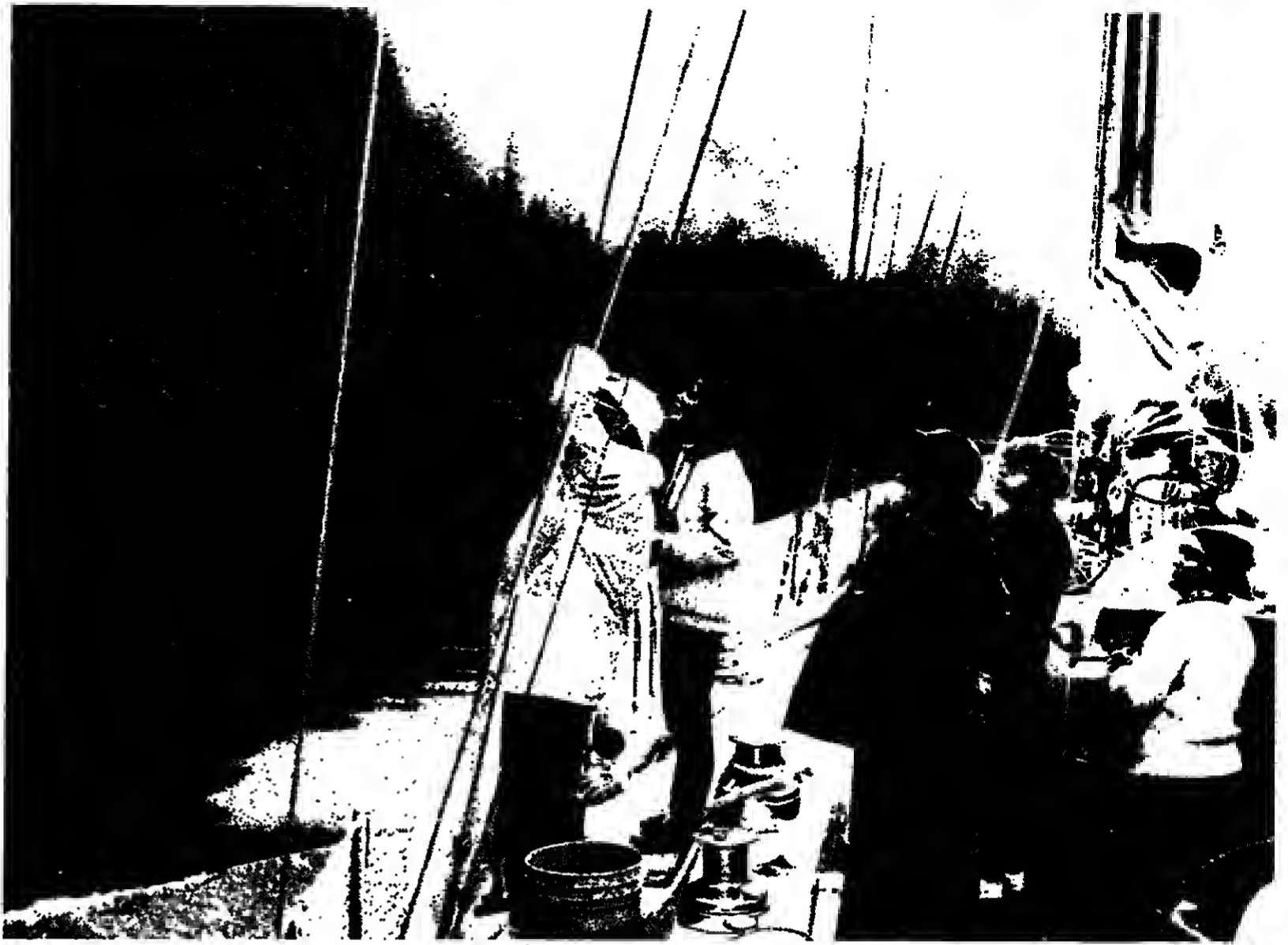
Our tour of the southern tier of this 150-island archipelago, two hours' flying time north of Vancouver, came at a propitious time. For nearly 15 years the area we toured, known as South Moresby, after the largest of the southern islands, has been the prize in a battle between two powerful groups. On one side is the logging industry, which underpins the economy of British Columbia, and on the other is a coalition of environmentalists and the Heilts Indians. These are a proud, artistically renowned people who have inhabited the islands and parts of southern Alaska for at least 8,000 years.

The logging industry had been set on harvesting the virgin forests that crowd the slopes of the mountainous islands, among the richest of the primeval rain forests that remain along British Columbia's jagged coasts. The environmentalists are led by Thom (Huck) Henley, a onetime wanderer from Lansing, Michigan, who discovered the islands' beauty while kayaking through the region in 1973. His group is intent on saving the forests, along with their 800-year-old red cedars and mossy floors that provide the seedbed for flora and fauna unique to the islands.

For the Heilts, saving the forests, and the waters beside them that are vulnerable to the muddy runoff and landslides associated with intensive logging, was a necessary precondition of a larger long-term goal. That is the recovery of the islands themselves as Heilts land, an issue to be settled ultimately through litigation or negotiation with the two governments involved, the federal government in Ottawa and its British Columbia counterpart.

On our party's ninth and last day out, with the Darwin Sound II leaning into a 15-knot offshore wind in Hecate Strait, the hazardous stretch of ocean that was a mariners' graveyard before radar, a shout came from the cabin. "We got it! We got it!" cried Mary McDonald, a young biologist and ornithologist invited by the Whitneys to accompany us on the charter. Talking on the vessel's VHF radio with her husband, Brian, a forestry expert, Mary had learned that South Moresby was to be made into Canada's newest national park.

For a compensation payment of about \$80 million by the government, an agreement had been reached to ban all future logging in South Moresby, and to turn the region into what is known in Canada as a "park reserve." For the province, the announcement represented a 180-degree turn from the position it had taken over the years. It has argued that a logging ban in South Moresby, involving about 80 current



The Darwin Sound II enters a fjord in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Right, a bald eagle and, below, a black-footed albatross.

jobs and 40 years of timber harvesting, would invite a torrent of environmental assaults on logging.

Her shout came barely an hour's sailing north of Lyell Island, focus of the South Moresby dispute. We had flown over the island in the float planes that carried us southward to the start of our voyage, and sailed around it as we moved back up the east coast, so we had seen what "clear-cut logging" involved. Huge tracts of the island had been stripped bare, leaving ugly, scarred hillsides littered with the trunks of smaller trees. In areas logged a year or two before, the death of root systems had loosened the topsoil, causing huge landslides that scoured the hillsides to the rock and deposited thousands of tons of debris in the fjords and sounds nearby.

BECAUSE of the campaign mounted by the Islands Protection Society founded by Henley and his friends, Lyell Island and Tahmkuwan Island have been the major part of South Moresby to fall victim to the rotary saw. Now they will be the last. The park will enclose an area about 110 miles long and 25 miles wide at its broadest point, encompassing all of Moresby Island save the inhabited part in the north.

In the eight seasons since the Whitneys began chartering in the islands, more than 1,000 people, many of them Americans, have been their guests. Among them have been Arthur Hailey, the author, Robert Mouldavi, of the California winery, and John Turner, the former Canadian prime minister and current opposition leader, who ended his time in office in 1985 by pledging to do all in his power to halt the logging.

Bill Reid, a Heilts artist and carver whose work adorns the Canadian embassy in Washington, is a twice-a-year traveler on the charter, serving like Mary McDonald, as a resource person for other guests. A former university professor of envi-

ronmental studies and a sailor of 20 years' experience, Al Whitney conceived of the tours after taking part in a program that took faculty members and students into the wilderness of British Columbia for month-long field trips. Whitney, now 43, concluded that the product of those trips, what he calls "an expansion of the human spirit," was more satisfying than anything experienced in the classroom. He quit the university and bought a 45-foot yacht, the Darwin Sound I, named after one of the most spectacular parts of the Queen Charlottes. In 1983, after three successful seasons, he and Irene, a former French teacher, decided they needed a larger vessel.

The Darwin Sound II lives up to its luxury billing, from its spacious salon equipped with an extensive library to its twin-berth cabins, richly paneled and ingeniously fitted with the storage space needed for trips that require a range of clothing from all-weather gear to bikinis. As befits a boat originally built for the "Galloping Gourmet," Graham Kerr, the galley is a cook's delight, with an electric oven, microwave, two refrigerators, a freezer and plenty of working space. Washrooms are adequate, but cramped.

But it is more basic things of which the skipper is most proud. Built in Poole, England, in 1972, the Darwin Sound II is the largest sailing vessel registered in Vancouver, and probably the strongest. In four years' chartering in the islands, it has had only one engine failure, and that was quickly fixed. For cruising in waters beset by sudden fogs and 30-foot tides, and through sounds and inlets lined by jagged-tooth rocks, it is equipped with an up-to-date radar system, with Loran navigational aids, and a depth sounder, as well as VHF radio.

It had one misgiving, it was that the trip might be too highbrow for one whose knowledge of birds is limited to those encountered in the average suburban backyard. The Whitneys' brochure billed the charter as one specially tailored for bird

watchers—others cater to artists, to photographers, and, several times a year, to "generalists"—and I had visions of being surrounded by earnest-looking people with bird books and binoculars. I was egregiously wrong.

True, only two of those aboard—Linda Brandenburger, a lawyer from Sacramento, California, and myself—would have had trouble distinguishing between a Pearly peregrine falcon and pigeon guillemot. But the others were tolerant of our ignorance, and eager to help out. Still, it was a relief when Linda consigned me to my first night out to watch for the species known as an "L.B.J."—a little brown job, beyond the ability of our resident experts to identify.

By the time we disembarked, the experts, keeping a nightly tally of birds they had spotted, had listed 50 species. Of these, none gave more pleasure than the bald eagles that are as common in these islands as anywhere in North America.

On a beach that we came to know as Hawaii, for its glorious sand and the hot afternoon sun that streamed down as we stepped ashore from a motorized dinghy, a retired doctor from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Lew Beckstead, tallied 14 eagles watching us step trees along the beach. Later, on an early morning fishing trip with Mary McDonald in Darwin Sound, with mist still clinging to the hills and salmon jumping from the still waters, I watched through my binoculars as another eagle, his golden beak glinting in the sun, made swoops from his perch atop a dead spruce, finally catching a salmon.

For an outsider, one of the voyage's values was the opportunity to learn more about Canada. Among our bird watchers we numbered a federal judge from Nova Scotia, MacLeod Rogers, a retired farmer from Saskatchewan, Ed Walker, and a teacher from Toronto, Irene Berry. Three of the travelers were in their 70s, but not a complaint was heard, not even on the half-



Day that the boat had to ride out six-foot swells.

Given the northerly location of the Charlottes, I had wondered about the weather, even in July. But while the Whitneys' elaborate pre-boarding instructions included advice to bring heavy sweaters, waterproof boots and rain gear, we had little demand for them. For much of our journey the weather was glorious—cool evenings, misty mornings and hot days, tempting the harder among my fellow passengers to take quick dips in the chilly Pacific waters.

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Small Inns off the Beaten Path in Provence

by Thomas Netter

PROVENCE offers many things to the traveler. Basil, rosemary, sage and the seemingly omnipresent lavender provide the smells. The soft, reddish earth, washed skylines of light, faded, pastel hues of the fields and burnished green plains provide its colors. The olive oils, herbal tastes and garlic define its renowned Provencal cuisine. And the Provencal wines can be the deep, full-bodied Châteauneuf-du-Pape, or the fragrant Tavel and Llistel roses.

Provence also offers dozens of secluded *auberges* for those in search of the "splendid isolation" where they can enjoy its other pleasures. Starred or unstarred by the Michelin Guide, the smaller *auberges* of 10 to 20 rooms, with their refreshing swimming pools, balconies and terraces for talking the sun, quiet nights amid herb fields and olive groves and comfortable, stuffy dining tables are far from the well-trodden, touring-bus stops and over-crowded towns like Arles, Avignon and Aix-en-Provence. These are the places people will tell you to keep secret. But I do not feel guilty. With so few rooms, and so isolated as many of them are, there is no danger of their being overcrowded. And though rooms may be limited, there are many such inns to choose from.

Here are several, chosen for being away from tourist areas but still easily accessible, for being secluded or located in small, even



abandoned, villages, for being comfortable and serving good food—and for their generally low prices.

All of the *auberges* listed here and personally visited will provide a charming room with bath for about 300 to 425 francs (about \$50 to \$70), a price that would be hard to match closer to the sea. In the Vaucluse, La Table du Comtat in

the village of Seguret is a perfect example. At 300 to 450 francs a night, it is not excessively expensive, while providing isolation and quiet, excellent food and an unobstructed view to the horizon. Vaison-la-Romaine has its Roman ruins and its Fauchon shop, but Seguret, with a population of less than 700, has 12 private swimming pools including the one at the au-

berge, according to a local shopkeeper. It is that kind of place, and most of those people belong to foreigners who have bought houses in Seguret. The Dentells, Rhône River plain and Comtat Venaissin, which gives the *auberge* its name, spread out from Seguret into vineyards and vegetable farms. In the village, hummingbirds hover over the lavender plants and flowering herbs. The pace, if there is any at all on the narrow, cobble-stoned streets too narrow for cars, is as slow as the brush-strokes of one of the resident artists who seem to be forever painting the 15th-century fountain and ruined castle.

Northeast, at Nyons, it is even quieter at the Aubres du Vieux Village, built on, and out of, the ruins of an abandoned medieval village and chateau. The view from the Vieux Village balconies, terrace and pool is a magnificent vista of olive groves and distant, rolling hills that glimmer in the daytime sun, but grow hazy and dusky grey with the twilight. Because of a micro-climate in the region, the *auberge* brochure claims, you can even eat breakfast while sitting on the terrace in winter. And at 230 to 525 francs, the 14 rooms fit into the category of quality and comfort for a fairly modest price.

This *auberge* has its peculiarities, one of which is forbidding smoking in its dining and bedrooms. In the lounge and bar, guests are somewhat quaintly invited to enjoy the "aroma" of a cigarette or cigar along with a *digestif* following what the brochure refers to as a "balanced meal."

which the owners claim is represented by choices of first and second courses on the menu.

We found another *auberge* quite by accident one blistering hot day while driving north through the Luberon Range. A pool seemed a necessity, but all hotels around Gardes with pools were booked. Finally, one hotel owner suggested Les Bories as an alternative.

For Les Bories had exactly two rooms (it has four now, priced at 350 to 450 francs), and two dining rooms. It is something like a primitive, fortified hamlet of high stone walls, and a vast shaded terrace around a rustic main building with two of the rooms, and a low-ceilinged, beamed restaurant. The other dining room is a *borie*, a stone but made of rocks piled up in the shape of a hollow beehive. In some cases two stories high. The *borie* dining room is cool and intimate, the chill grey of the stone softened by white tablecloths, crystal glasses and flower vases on its few tables. The restaurant is well known, so if you aren't staying overnight, it's necessary to book a table.

La Table du Comtat in Seguret (tel: 90-46-91-49) is about 10 kilometers southwest of Vaison-la-Romaine and east of Orange. The Aubres du Vieux Village (tel: 75-26-12-89), is near Nyons on road D-94. Les Bories (tel: 90-72-00-51) is on the Senanque abbey road, D-177 northwest of Gardes. Add about 40 francs to all prices for breakfast.

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TRAVEL

A Guest House in a Mad Duke's Folly

by Michael Gibson

BRISAC, France — "First," said the Marquise Jacqueline de Brissac, setting forth the program for the evening. "I shall bend your ear during dinner, and then our friend here," she pointed to Guy Le Goff, the unofficial curator of the enormous Chateau de Brissac, "will show around you the castle."

The chateau, near the Loire River and a 45-minute drive southeast of Angers, is an architectural curiosity, a stone butterfly still half encased in its cocoon. Originally built as a fortress in 1502 by an ancestor of the present owners, it was turned into a palatial home by Charles de Cossé after Henri IV made him Duc de Brissac in 1594. From that year on, until his death in 1621, the first duke was busy raising a new castle inside the shell of the old, which gradually disappeared as the new took shape.

His family was horrified at the size of the venture and agreed with a helpless shrug that the duke was mad. When he died, the chateau counted 219 rooms, while two towers of the old fortress still framed the main facade like book ends. Brissac had not had time to have them torn down, and his descendants cut off the extravagant project as soon as he died. Consequently the chateau stands today pretty much as he last saw it, with seven stories of florid, honey-colored stone emerging from between the stern old towers.

They decided to be sensible, as English peers have been, and convert the stately monument into something of an asset. After all, it did have its 219 rooms, most of them with towering ceilings and lined with 17th-century tapestries. One room is designated as the place where Louis XIII came to be reconciled with his mother, Marie de Médicis, in 1620. Electricity and central heating were put in beginning in the 1960s and many of the rooms are organized like suites, with a bathroom and a smaller bedroom originally intended for the valet or the maid.

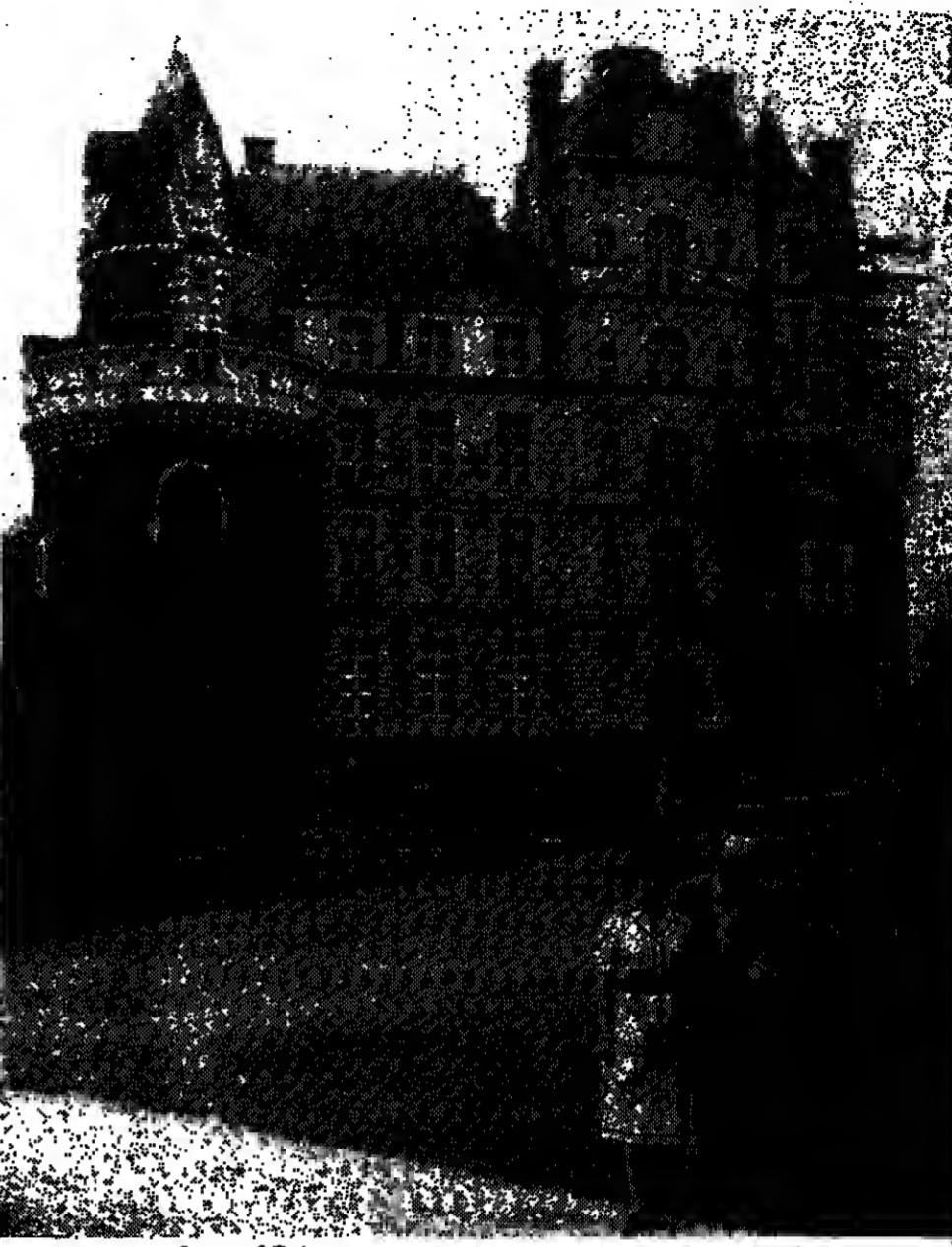
smaller. A loggia at one end of the room was built for musicians in the days of the first duke. Two of the walls are lined with large portraits, most of them depicting tall, stern-faced, black-bearded and black-robed men you would not want to have checking your income-tax return. They were members of the Nicolai family, ancestors of the marquise, and all of them had been Premier President de la Cour des Comptes until one of them died on the guillotine in 1794. The last wall was filled with a huge view of a manor in a large formal garden, a Nicolai family property, one was told, that once stood in Berry, an eastern district of Paris on the Seine later given over to the wine merchants.

The style of the meal was grand, the food and wine were excellent, but the hard economic threat hovering over the acres of roof is, however one keep up such an imposing pile nowadays? The stakes did all right until the revolution. After that it was a matter of resourcefulness. In this century they married into the Schneider family, one of the great mining and metal fortunes of France. The Schneiders lived on a grand scale during the 1930s, and whenever the British royal family came to France, the president of France would call on them to play the host.

Bui François de Brissac inherited the chateau from his uncle and he and his wife have had to face the problems of keeping up this ruinous vestige of the past with their own resources.

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Some colorful extras are not included in the room and board. The marquis, who has a stable for stag hunting, will show off his hounds. At his signal they dash off, baying loudly, first in this direction, then in that, offering a pleasant sight until it finally dawns upon them that they are being strung along. Guests can also ask for a burning horn serenade and enjoy a sound that is nostalgic beyond belief, or ride with the hounds during the hunting season, or shoot duck and



The owners in front of Brissac.

pheasant, or take a trip in a hot-air balloon, starting from the chateau's grounds. Prices range from 2,000 francs to 3,600 francs an hour for the balloon ride. Jacqueline de Brissac was fond of parties and hunting in her youth, and when she stopped going out and got rid of her horses a few years ago, and declared that she was going to acquire a doctor's degree in theology, it raised a few eyebrows. She hasn't got her degree yet, but is still working at it while running her home as a glorified B&B and scrounging around for solutions to the endless problems of maintenance. Her latest brainstrom has led her to solicit industrial patronage to restore parts of the building — without success so far. After all, she argues, this castle belongs to France and helping her can only help the image of the firm.

Following this line of argument is like sticking to a nice theological distinction, and the marquise occasionally gets trapped in the rhetoric of the day. Some boys from a technical school once came to visit the chateau. They looked somewhat sullenly at all the history heaped around them and allowed that they were technically minded and had no use for vestiges of the past. "No problem," said the marquise. "This building is full of interesting technical features." And she improvised a technical tour that appeared to fascinate them.

When it was over she let the ambient democratic enthusiasm get the better of her. "This building is part of the French heritage," she declared. "It belongs to all of you. You are welcome to come here and stay whenever you wish." A few months later the director of the school telephoned, sounding a bit embarrassed. "The boys claim you said they could come and stay," he explained, "and we were wondering . . . would you mind." Jacqueline de Brissac gulped and said by all means, let them come. So the boys came back and this ultimately led to the restoration of one part of the building.

Other rooms are being restored as means allow. Guy Le Goff, a lawyer in Angers who takes an anachronistically dim view of the French Revolution (Brissac is not far from the Vendée, a royalist hotbed at the time), is devoted to the building and its history. This has led him to become its self-appointed curator and restorer. He recently revived a charming little theater on the top floor of the building, where François de Brissac's grandmother, said to have had an excellent voice, used to give recitals for guests who came from all over for the occasion.

After dinner the marquise led the guests across the hall to another and much larger drawing room. On the table, in a silver frame, was a photograph of Queen Mary getting out of a Rolls-Royce in front of Brissac. Coffee and liqueurs were served before the guests began the visit of the upper floors.

For reservations: Chateau de Brissac, 49320 Brissac. Tel: 41.91.23.43 or 41.91.22.21.

THE FREQUENT TRAVELER
Recalling the Good Old Days
Of Civilized Business Treks

by Roger Collis

AS John Miller sees it, business travel was a much more civilized experience 50 years ago. Especially flying.

Miller, a retired British aerospace manufacturer and former TWA captain (he flew DC-2s in 1935-36), is president of the World Solar Power Foundation. He now lives in Monte Carlo and has been an inveterate first-class traveler since 1936.

"I traveled one way by boat to the greatest luxury. The German line had the Bremen and the Europa, the French had the Normandie and the France and we had the Aquitania, the Mauritania and later, the Queen Mary. There was none of this standing about in line for hours to show your passport and tickets. You went down by train to Southampton in great comfort. Then straight aboard the boat with your luggage delivered direct to your cabin. At the other end, immigration was on board, so that when the boat docked at pier 96 on the Hudson River, your baggage was put under your name on long tables. The customs officer marked them and a porter would take them to a taxi or car. There was none of this awful business of hanging

about for hours. When one thinks of the beginning of trans-Atlantic and continental air travel in the U.S., it was a simple business trip. And remarkably comfortable. It seems, you checked in downtown at the airline ticket office and were taken out to the airport by limo. No waiting. You climbed aboard the plane and settled down in a reclining lounge chair. You were served a hot meal with real china, glass and linen. Later you'd stretch out in a twin-bed-size berth (separate dressing rooms for men and women) and sleep during the flight.

This is how it was on the Sky-sleeper service between New York and California which TWA inaugurated in June 1937 with the new DC-3 Sleeper Transport (American Airlines had started a similar service in September 1936). The night coast-to-coast flight took just over 11 hours, with stops at St. Louis, Kansas City and Albuquerque. But you were not disturbed during takeoffs and landings and could sleep right through till you arrived in the morning.

"It was all one class with 16 seats one on each side of the aisle and lots of legroom," Miller says. "They were very comfortable."

Even more luxurious were the Clipper flying boats that pioneered the Pacific and Atlantic routes. Pan Am started the first trans-Pacific service in 1935. And in 1939 it flew scheduled services between New York and Marseille via Lisbon. Then in 1945 came the Lockheed Constellation, which TWA flew half-way round the world (San Francisco-Los Angeles-Kansas City-Newfoundland-Lisbon-Paris-Bern-Rome). It had 16 berths and nine chaise longue. This was followed in 1949 by the double-decked Boeing Stratocruiser, which had sleeping berths and a downstairs lounge. A very comfortable plane, according to Miller.

Quality of travel in those days was probably due as much to the attitude of airlines and airport authorities as the in-flight amenities. You could do things that are unthinkable today.

Miller says: "I started an aerospace business in England in 1937 when I came back from flying with TWA and after the war I emigrated to America and built a factory at Newport, Rhode Island, on the local airfield. When I had to go to England, I'd make a reservation on BOAC and get an air taxi to fly me

200 miles down to New York. One time we arrived at Idlewild [now JFK] and couldn't get permission to land. I took the taxi and said to the tower, 'Look, my flight for England leaves in 10 minutes.' The guy said, 'Okay, you're number two to land. Your flight is at gate six.' But when we taxied up, the Stratocruiser had left and was waiting to takeoff at the far end of the runway. I said to BOAC, 'I'm terribly sorry, we've been circling half an hour.' 'That's all right, sir, we've sent a car for you. We'll fix it up with Immigration.' So I went scooting off down the taxiway to the plane. They pushed my bags in one door, opened another door and pushed me into the bar. I climbed up the stairs into my seat.

Slow disservice to a recent experience with Pan Am which Miller took the direct Nice-New York flight. "They said, we'll give you a free helicopter ride to 60th Street Skyport. Well we arrived in New York (a comfortable flight, no complaints; I had the front seat in first class) then had to walk down endless corridors into a huge immigration hall which had 60-70 people in line before each booth. I had to wait an hour and a half — my fault, I should have ordered a wheelchair. Then I had to get my luggage. I'd missed the helicopter and had to wait another hour for the next one. I got to the heliport where a driver put the bags into a limo and without asking where I wanted to go took me to 57th and Second Avenue. But I want to go to the Drake Hotel. 'Sorry, sir we just leave you here. You can pick up a cab.' I said, 'It's my good luck it's not pouring with rain.' Next morning, Pan Am lost a bag of mine in Chicago. Do you think I have had any compensation? They haven't even acknowledged my letters."

Miller says quality started to deteriorate in the late 1950s. "I think we've gone about everything the wrong way. With hindsight it's easy to see why. If we'd foreseen the extent of the tourist traffic, we'd have said, let's have separate airports for first class and business passengers and keep them small. Instead they built bigger airports and bigger planes. The reason why more and more rich executives have their own planes is because they will not put up with being treated like cattle before they get on the plane and once they get off."

The imposing dining-room table of dark polished wood is shaped like a racecourse, only slightly

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Naturalist's Paradise Continued from page 9

When we ran into a squall, on our next-to-last day out, an initial queasiness in the swells quickly gave way to an appreciation of the beauty of the islands in stormy weather.

Along the way we passed several ghost towns. Relics of the islands' boom times, between the turn of the century and World War II, they spoke for men, long departed, who hoped for fortunes in gold and silver and iron ore. At Lockport, on Darwin Sound, we walked a mile or more into the mountains along a cedar-plank pathway that led to an abandoned mine, and wandered along the overgrown shoreline where a thriving village had stood. Little remained to testify to lost hopes but a 1930s Ford truck, favored now as a nesting place for birds, and a rusting shovel head in a stream beside the beach. Above us, as we walked, an eagle kept vigil.

Brochures for the trip had spoken of Irene Whitney's gourmet cooking, and they did not mislead. Irene learned her cooking while working as an au pair in Paris. Every evening brought another delicious meal — fresh salmon, prime rib roast, mussels, fettuccini and always a good bottle of French or Californian wine. Bread was baked aboard, as well as a birthday cake. Desserts were equally tasty, and varied. Breakfast would have shamed many a hotel, with sausages and waffles and pots of steaming coffee.

Naturalist pleasures were boundless. At Cape St. James, the southernmost point of the islands, we watched hundreds of nesting sea lions, the massive males sitting regally along the rocks surrounded by a dozen or more females each. Farther north, a black bear moseyed along a beach, oblivious to the yacht a few hundred yards away. At Hotsprings Island, where the Haida have channeled spring water into rock pools looking out across Juan Perez Sound, we lounged in the pools as eagles soared above. At Ninistim's, site of an old Haida village on St. Anthony Island, a deer grazed in the grass among century-old totemos arrayed along the beach. Ninistim's, declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations in 1980, is considered by many experts to be the best preserved traditional Indian site in the Pacific Northwest.

When the Darwin II's guest book was passed around on our last morning aboard, the comments were uniformly enthusiastic. I, for one, left determined to return soon with my wife, convinced that few vacations, anywhere, would provide us with a better mix of history, fun and new experiences.

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TRAVEL

Shooting the Rapids On the Jordan River

by Thomas L. Friedman

YOU'VE been to Israel twice, and you're looking for something a little bit different this time around. You have trekked up Masada more times than the Roman Legion, you have danced on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv until your feet pleaded for mercy and you have bargained yourself breathless with so many shopkeepers in the Old City of Jerusalem that you are ready to pay retail for the rest of your life.

The folks at Kibbutz Kfar Blum have just the thing for you—kayaking through rapids down the Jordan River. Your travel agent may not have gotten the word yet, but paddling down the world's most famous overgrown stream is the hottest new tourist attraction in northern Israel.

Just how hot? Lined up and waiting for a seat at the kayaks on a warm weekday last week, a line of about 100 people, a mix of kibbutzniks from the Haifa area, a jeep full of soldiers on their way home for the weekend and two pregnant Orthodox Jewish women wearing ankle-length dresses and headscarves, who told a dumbstruck kayaking instructor that they had driven from Jerusalem after having seen a report about the kayaking on Israeli television.

The kayaking enterprise, which began in July as the brainchild of Pini Almog, a member of Kfar Blum, which is situated in the Upper Galilee region near the point where the Hasbani, Dan and Banias rivers converge to form the Jordan.

An outdoor enthusiast with an entrepreneurial gleam in his eye—somewhat rare among socialist kibbutzniks—Almog had been enjoying kayaking down the Jordan for some time when it struck him that with a little investment his kibbutz could turn it into a profitable business. Collective farms know a lot about raising chickens or cotton (even alligators); some have high-tech industries and some hotels. But kayaking?

"At first everyone here said to me, 'Are you crazy? You think we are going to spend money on that?'" recalled Almog as he sat outside his makeshift office on the banks of the Jordan. "The kibbutz had meetings, and we voted and we had more meetings. The kibbutz is a great place for living but not for starting a business."

"Finally, the kibbutz assembly agreed to invest some money," he added. "But in a kibbutz everyone has to work, and they said this kayaking is not really work, so I still do my regular job as activities director for the high school."

Kayaking at Kfar Blum is also not really kayaking. The so-called kayaks are closer to inflatable two-person canoes, made of rubber but powered by double-headed paddles of the type used in kayaking. Call it kayoing or canyoing.

Normally, visitors drive through Kfar

Blum to the kayaking office on the riverfront, where Almog and his associate, Danny Sasson, offer quick instructions before take-off. Since it is no more complicated than paddling a canoe, the lessons do not take long. Every kayaker is equipped with a kayak for two people, an inflatable seat, a life preserver and a paddle.

The kayaks are rented by the hour at a rate of \$9 for a minimum of 1½ hours. It takes 90 minutes to two hours, depending on how fast you paddle, to make it from the starting point at Kfar Blum to the Lehavot Habashan Bridge. There, you drag your kayak out of the water and wait for the bus to shuttle you and your equipment back to the main office.

For our trip, Almog arranged to set off in the Hasbani River, a few miles north from the point where it converges into the Jordan at Kfar Blum. Arab legend has it that the Dan, Banias and Hasbani rivers were all arguing one day over which of them was the greatest in the world. God supposedly got angry with them and to shut them up he forged them into one river—the Jordan.

To look at the Jordan today is to think that God may still be mad at the rivers. The size of the Jordan is in inverse proportion to its historical reputation, which dates back to a papyrus from the 13th century B.C.

The famous river, which the Israelites, led by Joshua, crossed into the Promised Land, in whose waters Jesus was baptized and on whose banks Jephthah, Gideon and Saul lived their legendary lives, is only 30 to 50 feet (nine to 15 meters) across and three to six feet deep during the late summer months. No one ever confused it with the Amazon.

We set off in two kayaks, with a store of cold drinks lodged into the nose of our craft. One of the nice things about kayaking at Kfar Blum is that you can go down river at whatever pace you please. If exercise is your objective, you can work up a sweat by paddling all the way or by racing with your friends, as a group of Israeli Navy commandos were doing the other day.

But if bird-watching or escaping the maddening crowd is your preference, you can let the river gently waft you along, while you paddle only to keep from bouncing too often into the soft reeds, water lilies and other vegetation that lines the banks. Sit back, pull out a beer or a cold soda and observe the scenery and wildlife—only crickets, turtles and an occasional rapid will disturb your idyll.

The first rapid we encountered was on the Hasbani, about a 10-foot drop to the next level of the river. But if the only such descent you have ever made in a boat was in the safety of an ocean liner traveling through the Panama Canal, the drop-off looks like nothing short of Niagara Falls.

The people who preceded us could be heard to scream "Mouma" and "God save me" in several different languages as they



This famous river is only about three to six feet deep in the late summer months. But it does have its rapids.

slipped over the top and disappeared through the boulders down to the rushing river level below.

We circled around the edge of the rapid for a moment, screwing up my courage, before we shot through, with our paddles raised over our heads so they didn't catch on the rocks. In late summer, well after the spring rains, the rapids are quite tame. But don't try this in March just after the snow has melted.

As soon as our rubber kayak tipped over the edge into the rapid we tumbled easily through the rocks and rather softly tumbled down the white water. If you can ride a roller coaster you can do this.

ALMOG insists that no one has ever been hurt on his tours. Many of the intrepid kayakers at Kfar Blum would shoot the rapids, then pull over to the bank, lift their kayak out, drag it a few hundred feet upriver and shoot the rapids again.

"That is why we charge by the hour," mused Almog.

After we emerged from the narrow Hasbani, which in some places was almost covered with a ceiling of vegetation and trees, the Jordan seemed like a wide open expanse.

The Jordan River valley is on the main north-south migration route for birds that summer in Europe and winter in Africa. During the spring and fall the sky is sometimes black with starlings as they ride the wind currents through the valley or blanket trees for an overnight rest. Cranes, doves and

kingfishers also regularly crisscross the river, devouring their favorite insects or water life.

The river itself is surrounded by the lush "jungle of the Jordan"—the riverine Jordan forest, which in this area is dominated by willows, bamboo, reeds, tamarisk, oleander, cocoyuz and papyrus. In the distance, you can see the Golan Heights plateau, which lies to the east, and the mountains of Naftali, Lebanon and Hermon, which lie to the west and the north.

The mountains, which are associated with some of the deaneast wars in the modern history of the Middle East, provide a mute contrast to the placid Jordan as it quietly curls its way south to Lake Kinneret (Lake Tiberias) and the Dead Sea. Floating along, it is hard not to contemplate all the history this river has witnessed. Three feet deep or not, the Jordan could tell the Amazon a thing or two.

The only sound we heard as we paddled downstream was what Almog calls "the music of the Jordan." That is the whistle of the wind through the reeds, blended with the chorus of warbling birds and the distant rumble of approaching rapids.

There are two more rapids to be braved on the Jordan section of the trip up to the Lehavot Habashan Bridge—the end point of the standard tour. Both are roughly 3- to 10-foot drops into brief patches of white water—just enough to write home about, but not enough to scare anyone off.

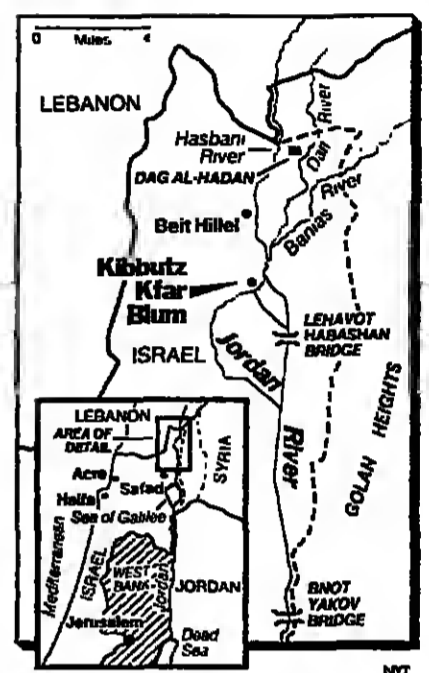
Almog is hoping to arrange with the Jordan River authorities to build four or five more rapids for next season.

In addition to this short trip, lasting about 90 minutes and covering about four miles (about six kilometers), Kfar Blum offers a longer trip, covering about 20 miles and including eight rapids, down to the Beot Yakov Bridge. This latter tour, which takes about six hours in the summer, has to be arranged in advance with the kibbutz so that a truck can be sent to pick you up.

The melting snows from Mount Hermon and the winter rains are the main sources of the Jordan. In winter and spring the river is too high and fast for the casual kayaker. As a result, the kayaking season at Kfar Blum runs from late March, depending on when the rains stop, to late October or early November, depending on when they begin again.

After you have worked up an appetite on the river there are two restaurants that have opened in the Galilee in the last few years that are definitely worth a visit. One, called Dag al-Hadan, or Fish on the Dan, is outside Beit Hillel, five miles north of Kfar Blum, on a tributary of the Dan River. The restaurant raises its own trout in ponds behind the kitchen. The eating area is set up in the open air under willow and fig trees on a tiny island situated between two streams flowing off the Dan. The tables are reached either by crossing two narrow bridges or by tiptoeing on the rocks across the waterway.

The menu consists of various types of grilled and fried fresh trout, in addition to Arabic salads and fresh vegetables. It is all washed down with white wine from the Go-



lan Heights or Israeli beer in a frosted mug. It is open from 11 A.M. until midnight every day of the week; dinner for two at Dag al-Hadan costs about \$30 with wine. The restaurant does not have a phone, let alone take reservations. © 1987 The New York Times

FOOD

The Heartier Side of a Great Chef

PARIS — Inside many a reserved, white-topped grand chef is a hearty bistro proprietor trying to get out. The same chef who breathes the rarified air of truffles and foie gras also often dreams of simpler, lusty fare served in relaxed surroundings.

The customers seem to be of like mind. Let's cut out the fanfare and the four-hour

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meals, not to mention the checks that climb easily to 600 francs a person, they say, they push back the carpets, roll up our sleeves, and dive into sensuous food that revives and satisfies.

Michel Rostang, the outwardly gleeful owner of one of Paris's newest and most

With his new bistro, Michel Rostang has figured out a way to have it all.

veau, andouillette and gras double, the litany of offerings from the faculty of tripe.

Rostang and his staff have done a remarkably good job of subtly updating what I consider the best bistro fare of all—that from the tiny, back-street bouchons of Lyon.

Rostang is no stranger to Lyon or to authentic bistros. For generations his family ran the Hotel du Commerce—first noted in the Michelin in 1912—in the Savoy village

ham and cheese grain of macaroni; the dry manchons, or legs, of duck; and remain unconvinced of the gastronomic merits of most French beef, bland and tough and served here as thick, beautiful, but unimpressive, côte du boeuf.

For those not yet conditioned to classic bistro fare, Rostang offers a few modern dishes, which do not seem awkwardly out of place. There is a stunning terrine of red peppers, tomatoes and fresh anchovies; an unusual galette, or thick corn pancake, filled with salmon and bathed in a fine curry sauce; and a servicable carpaccio of tuna, thinly sliced tuna marinated in oil and served with grilled country bread.

With the Lyonnais fare there's nothing better than cheap red wine poured out of thick-bottomed glass bottles, and Rostang comes through with traditional half-liter bottles of a satisfying grande fillette, a fruity, pure syrah red from the collines Rhodaniennes in the northern part of the Rhone Valley, homestly priced at 39 francs. Other wine offerings are limited, but wisely chosen. They include a superb white Savoie, the Chignin from René Quenard; Léon Beyer's pinot d'Alsace, and Georges Dubouet's omnipresent but welcoming Brully.

With this there are the superb country baguettes from the Monsieur Pain bakery across the street. Dessert offerings are limited, and include a marvelous, warm cake-like clafoutis of raspberries, and a contrived macaronsade caramélisée à la vanille, a pale version of crème brûlée topped with macarons.

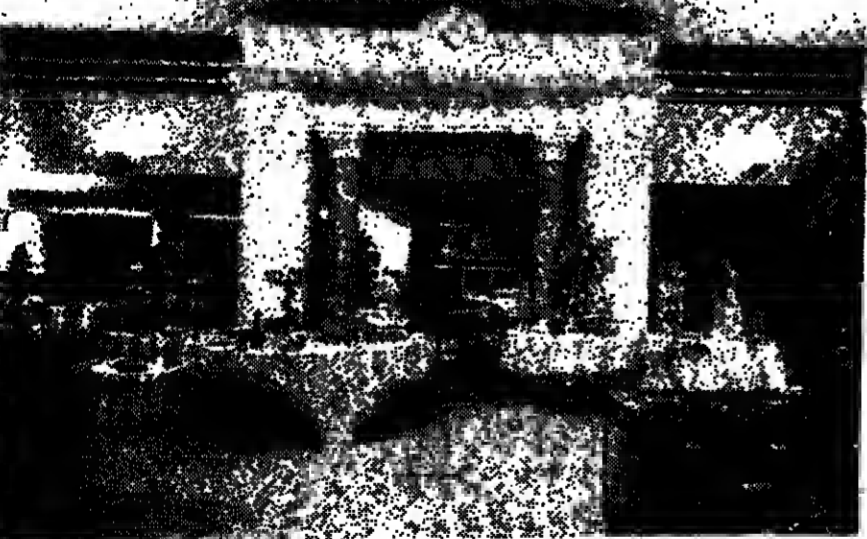
If Ande Clément were in the food business, she would probably run one of Paris's best and most beautiful bistros, but her line is everything that relates to gastronomy except the food, and that's all right with me.

In 1979 this ambitious young woman opened a tiny boutique called Au Bain Marie on Rue du Mail, just off Place des Victoires. It was full of nostalgic bric-a-brac: silver tableware and china from the old cruise lines, antique cookbooks, bright posters, amusing menu cards, silver asparagus tongs and the multicolored barbotine pottery plates decorated with asparagus and artichokes, cherries and garden flowers.

Au Bain Marie was an immediate success, outgrew its quarters and moved into a renovated space nearby. Now it has grown more, and Ande Clément's fantasy world fills an elegant space behind the Hotel de Caillon, a huge, airy shop that once housed furs labeled Christian Dior.

Like a toy store for gastronomes, Au Bain Marie still manages to mix the practical with the frivolous, offering everything from down-to-earth French housewives' cookbooks from the 1940s to posh silver-domed trolleys and antique lace tablecloths.

Bistrot d'A Côté, 10 Rue Gustave-Flaubert, Paris 17; tel: 42.67.05.81. Closed Saturday lunch and all day Sunday. Credit card: Visa. From 150 to 200 francs francs a person, including wine and service.



The new Au Bain Marie.

popular dining spots—Le Bistrot d'A Côté—has figured out a way to have it all. While the Michelin two-star restaurant that bears his name runs smoothly along in a residential section of the 17th Arrondissement, Rostang now also runs a charming turn-of-the-century bistro next door.

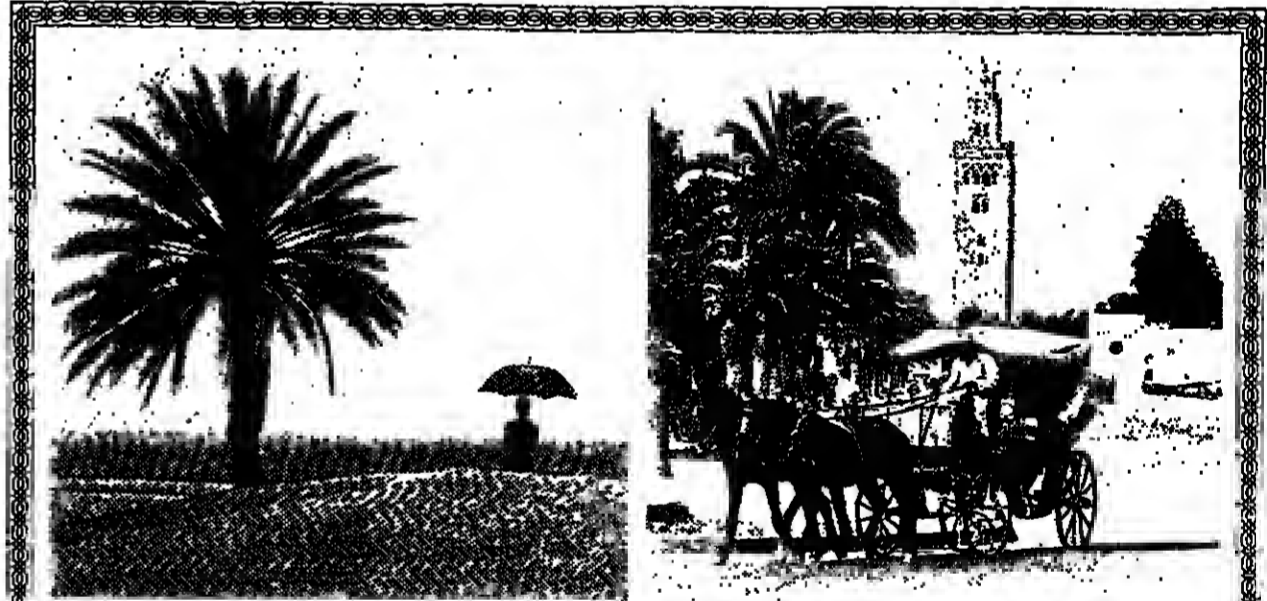
He began with impeccable material. The adjacent 1900s epicure was in perfect condition, with tin ceilings and mirrored walls. As traditions of the time dictated, the grocery store was fashioned with practical, thick marble shelves on one side, for the cream, butter, and eggs, and elegant wooden shelves on the other to stack the dry goods. Rostang and his wife, Marie-Claude, have filled these shelves with treasures gathered at Paris's flea markets over a month of Sundays, when they trekked home with colorful asparagus plates and pitchers, Art Deco-style clocks and radios, and an enormous collection of well-worn, familiar, red Michelin guides.

It all makes an ideal, even idyllic, backdrop for a traditional Lyonnais bistro, for hearty platters of he-man fare—meltingly tender chickens and creamy potato gratin, lentils and macaroni, salads of curly endive, and thick, rare steaks. For serious bistro fans, there is also saboteur sausage and tête de

of Le Pont-de-Beauvoisin, where Rostang was born 40 years ago.

The Bistrot d'A Côté offers a limited number of popular dishes, with a handful of daily specials noted on the blackboards along the walls. Some of the best dishes sampled recently include a sturdy salade paysanne (fresh greens with chunks of beef and Beaufort cheese); a superbly fresh and well-seasoned terrine of chicken livers; crisp green lentils topped with cervelat sausage; and a complex terrine of duck confit accompanied by wilted green cabbage. I loved his authentic saladier Lyonnais, which traditionally includes everything but the kitchen sink. Combining chicken livers and potatoes, curly endive and anchovies, hard cooked eggs and chunks of lamb's feet, it is the kind of dish that takes a bit of warming up to, but once you do, you're glad you did.

The best main course selections included a wonderful satisfying volaille au vinaigre de vin d la grenobloise, moist and flavorful chicken smothered in wine and tomatoes and served with a rich and creamy potato gratin; and the classic tête de veau sauce grise, call's head sauced with an egg, herb and caper-filled mayonnaise.



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reluctance by customers to sell dollars. "Why run the risk," said Bob Hatcher of Barclays Bank.

If the ministers "put out an aggressive statement saying the dollar must hold, we may get a bit of a rally for the dollar," one dealer in Europe said.

Few expected that finance ministers and central bankers gathering for the International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual meetings...

Japan Resisting Tighter Money

Reuters

WASHINGTON — Japan is resisting any tightening of monetary conditions, its vice finance minister for international affairs said Friday.

Commenting before a speech here, Toyoo Gyohken said that the Bank of Japan was doing its best to maintain easy monetary conditions.

Worries about trade have set the tone for markets. The dollar has been weak since news of the \$15.7 billion U.S. trade deficit for June.

DOLLAR: G-7 Support Expected

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going, coinciding with the IMF-World Bank gathering, is inopportune for making agreements.

The seven countries are also still trying to fulfill commitments they made in Paris. These include U.S. pledges of lower budget deficits.

The nations pledged are intended to correct such strains on the world economy as the U.S. trade deficit and the trade surpluses of Japan and West Germany.

"The time to have new undertakings is when, A, you need them and B, when it is likely you can get them," the senior Reagan administration official said.

Kaufman Sees Higher Bond Yields

Reuters

NEW YORK — Henry Kaufman, managing director of Salomon Brothers Inc., said the U.S. economy will grow briskly in the coming months.

In an interview, Mr. Kaufman, one of Wall Street's most influential economists, also said that the dollar will fall against other major currencies by about 10 percent in the next six months to below 130 yen and 1.70 Deutsche marks.

Mr. Kaufman said he saw no reason to change the forecast he made in July that U.S. gross national product will grow by 3.2 percent over the year ending June 1988, partly because of rising net exports.

"You have a holding pattern," said Lawrence A. Kudlow, a former chief economist in the Reagan administration's budget office who is now an official at Bear, Stearns & Co.

U.S. Bond Prices Hurt by Talk of Higher Japanese Rates

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Prices of U.S. government bonds remained under pressure Friday on expectations that interest rates would rise in major industrialized countries to forestall future inflation, dealers said.

On Thursday, prices of the benchmark 8.875 percent 30-year U.S. Treasury bond fell more than 1.25 points, or \$12.50 for every \$1,000 face amount, on reports that the Bank of Japan had decided to tighten monetary policy and encourage higher short-term interest rates.

This sent the 30-year bond down to 92, to yield 9.70 percent. Short-covering sent prices as high as 92 10/32 around the opening on Friday, but the bond later eased to close only slightly higher at 92 5/32 and yield 9.67 percent.

Dealers said the potential for higher Japanese rates was still hanging over the market on Friday.

Higher Japanese rates narrow the interest-rate gap between U.S. and Japanese government securities, eroding the attractiveness of U.S. bonds and the dollar.

Reports of the Bank of Japan's policy shift were carried by the electronic news wire service of Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a widely read and highly credible Japanese business newspaper.

The reports came just before meetings in Washington of the International Monetary Fund and finance ministers from the seven leading industrialized democracies.

An adjustment in Japanese rates could be contentious because American officials have been advocating for the last two years that Japan and West Germany adopt more stimulative monetary and fiscal policies.

The hope of U.S. officials has been that faster growth in those two nations would increase the demand there for domestic and American products, helping to reduce the American trade deficit.

that the Japanese authorities believe that the threat to their economy from inflation is of more concern than the American trade deficit.

The Japanese inflation rate last year was zero, but consumer prices have been edging higher. Consumer prices rose a monthly 0.1 percent in August, and 0.4 percent from a year earlier.

Bank of Japan officials are also worried that rapid money supply growth — at a rate of 10 percent in recent months — could spur inflation.

Economists noted that earlier efforts by Japanese officials to encourage economic growth through stimulating domestic demand seem to be bearing fruit. The Japanese housing market is in the midst of a boom, with housing starts rising at an annual rate of more than 25 percent from April through July.

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SPORTS

Blue Jays Beat Tigers, Lose Fernandez; Cardinals Rally in 9th as Mets Fall Short

9th Innings in 2 Games Result in 3 1/2-Game Lead

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ST. LOUIS — The National League's East Division race may have been decided in a 20-minute span Thursday night.

With the first-place St. Louis Cardinals leading the second-place New York Mets simultaneously trailing in the ninth inning, each rallied to lead the bases.

That put the Cardinals 3 1/2 games ahead of the Mets. The Expos remained four games out.

"That was a big turn of events in about 20 minutes," said the Cardinals' manager, Whitey Herzog.

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"Losing our game was disheartening," said Tim Lincecum, who had four hits.

"Any thoughts that it would be a one week, two-week or a three-week strike is probably wishful thinking, or someone is being misled," said Schramm.

The NFL strike, in 1982, lasted 57 days and wiped out several weeks of the season.



Tony Fernandez, sent flying by the sliding Bill Madlock, landed on his elbow and fractured it in the third inning.

Strawberry on four pitches and St. Clair relieved. Kevin McReynolds walked to load the bases, but Carter grounded into a force at third.

"I'm frustrated, but I tried as hard as I could," Carter said.

Andres Galarraga's two-run homer, a mammoth shot that capped a three-run fifth, had given Montreal a 4-1 lead and was enough for Dennis Martinez to post his fourth straight victory over the Mets.

Realis 5, Padres 4: In Cincinnati, Buddy Bell homered and Barry Larkin doubled in the winning run against San Diego, whose rookie catcher, Benito Santiago, singled to extend his hitting streak to a club-record 26 games.

Philies 3, Cubs 2: In Chicago, Darren Daulton, leading off the 11th inning, hit a home run for Philadelphia.

Braves & Astros 7: In Atlanta, Dale Murphy capped a four-four-four game by singling in the winning run against Houston with two out in the ninth.

AL's premier defensive shortstop, Fernandez had a .322 average and 67 runs batted in.

"It was a super slide," said the Tigers' manager, Sparky Anderson, who added that "I expect my players to slide hard wherever we're playing Toronto for the pennant or Baltimore for fun."

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All-Star's Elbow Broken By Slide in 4-3 Victory

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TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays took a 1 1/2-game lead Thursday night in the American League's East Division race with a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers in the opener of a four-game series.

But the Blue Jays lost Tony Fernandez, their all-star shortstop and offensive catalyst, for the season after a hard — some said illegal — slide by the Tigers' Bill Madlock fractured Fernandez's elbow.

The play took place in the third inning, when Madlock led off with a single. Kirk Gibson had hit a soft grounder to second baseman Nelson Lirio, who flipped the ball to Fernandez crossing the bag.

Fernandez's elbow came down on a wooden border that separates the artificial turf from the dirt sliding area at Exhibition Stadium.

The game was delayed for six minutes while Fernandez was examined on the field, then he was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, where during surgery his elbow was wired back together.

A crowd of 42,436 booed as Madlock left the field and again when the replay was shown on the scoreboard. Jim McKean, chief of the umpiring crew, phoned the press box with orders to stop showing the replay.

Second-base umpire Tim McClelland, who could have called an automatic double play, said later that he thought Madlock had slid legally.

"I can't believe anyone would question it," Madlock said of the slide. "I always thought you raised hell if a runner came in with his spikes high, but that's part of the game when you try to break up a double play with a slide like that.

Madlock, whose chest was bruised by Fernandez's knees, left for a pinch hitter in the fifth inning and was unsure if he would be able to play Friday night.

"I can understand Jimmy Williams being upset," Madlock said of the Blue Jays' manager, who called the slide illegal. "Fernandez is a big part of that team, but it was a freak thing. I feel badly that he was hurt, but what can I do. I was only trying to break up the double play and get us an extra out. As it was, we got the extra out and two runs because of it."

The AL's premier defensive shortstop, Fernandez had a .322 average and 67 runs batted in.

Lee, who replaced Fernandez, helped preserve Toronto's lead in the seventh. After the Tigers made it 4-3 on Alan Trammell's single, Lee ran to his right and leaped to catch a line drive by Herndon, ending the inning with the tying run in scoring position.

Twice 4, Rangers 6: In Minneapolis, Frank Viola held Texas to three hits for eight innings, striking out 10, while the Twins won their sixth straight and closed in on their first division title since 1970.

Charlie Hough gave up six hits in his 12th complete game, but one was Greg Gagne's third major league inside-the-park homer, a soft liner with a man on that skipped under the glove of charging center fielder Bob Brower.

White Sox 4, Athletics 2: Oakland, California, Floyd Bannister pitched a five-hitter for Chicago, although in the home ninth Mark McGwire hit his 47th homer, tying Toronto's George Bell for the major league lead after striking out his previous three at-bats.

Brewers 7, Red Sox 6: In Milwaukee, Mike Felder singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth after Boston's Wade Boggs, the AL's leading hitter, in his only pinch-hitting appearance this season, grounded out in the top of the inning with runners on first and second and two out. (LAT, AP)

Games Called In NFL; Long Strike Seen

By Michael Janofsky

New York Times Service

PHILADELPHIA — Efforts to end the National Football League players' strike continued Thursday with no significant progress at the bargaining table and no reason to believe the walkout would end soon.

In fact, the more tangible fruits of Thursday's labors were sour. Two club executives who were called into the talks to discuss the union's proposal on free agency returned home and, in New York, the league announced that this week-end's games would not be played.

They would thus become the first games to be affected by the strike, which began at the conclusion of Monday night's game.

The league said no decision had been made on when, or if, the games could be rescheduled, but that if the strike continued, the following weekend's games would be played with replacement players.

With all that, the club negotiators and their aides remained at the bargaining table trying to narrow some of the many other issues dividing the players and owners.

"We have six to eight weeks ahead of hard bargaining," said Jack Donlan, the executive director of the NFL Management Council. "I feel we could get there on all of them, with the exception of free agency."

By all accounts, free agency remained the central issue in bargaining. The only issue discussed in a two-hour meeting that ended at 2 A.M. Thursday — following a 6 1/2-hour session that had begun Wednesday afternoon — and in a third session that ended at 1:30 P.M. with the departure of two club presidents, Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tex Schramm of the Dallas Cowboys.

Their participation in the bargaining process came about as a result of a meeting Monday in New York between Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, and the NFL commissioner, Pete Rozelle.

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The union wants a system in which a player could move from one team to another without the first club being entitled to the right of first refusal or compensation from the second club — which is the system in effect now and one the owners want to maintain.

In their discussions Thursday, negotiators from each side had a chance to express an opinion. Donlan said, "There was not a striking violet in the room."

There was not a hint of conciliation, either. Asked if union officials were disappointed at his and Schramm's departure, Rooney said, "I wouldn't say they were very happy."

Dick Bertheisen, a lawyer for the union and one of its negotiators, said the departure would not materially affect negotiations. But, as Rooney had suggested, he did not sound too happy about it, either.

"I guess they are more interested in getting their scabs together than negotiating," Bertheisen said, referring to efforts by NFL clubs to sign and field teams of replacement players. According to the current plan, if the strike were to affect games scheduled for Oct. 4-5, the replacement teams would play.

Marvin Powell of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the union president, also criticized management for trying to "isolate" the union's bargaining priorities and for "dashing the players' hopes after raising them" by agreeing to have Rooney and Schramm at the table.

"Any thoughts that it would be a one week, two-week or a three-week strike is probably wishful thinking, or someone is being misled," said Schramm.

The NFL NFL strike, in 1982, lasted 57 days and wiped out several weeks of the season.

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Ryder Cup: A Dominion at Stake

By Thomas Boswell

WASHINGTON — On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, a dozen U.S. golf pros will play for nothing. Yet they may care more about rescuing the Ryder Cup from the cursed hands of the Europeans than they have about winning any other tournament this year.

All summer, millionaires like Ray Floyd and Fuzzy Zoeller have muttered about playing better so they'd make the Ryder Cup team and atone for the awful things they did to lose it in 1985.

All season, Jack Nicklaus mumbled about "this team" and whether the better sort of people were going to be wearing U.S. colors on the ground of Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, the last weekend in September.

As nonplaying captain, he took the matter seriously, indeed. To get tromped at The Belfry in England in 1985 and lose the biennial match for only the second time since 1933 was bad enough. But to lose on home soil, something that had never happened, and at his club, too, is a fate Nicklaus finds unthinkable.

There'll be a lot of patriotic gab at Muirfield, some of it genuine. But the U.S. team also knows it is playing for its preciously held international prestige — and the millions of dollars of ancillary contracts linked to U.S. golf.

And this is a dead even match. Europe barely lost, 14½-13½ in 1983 at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, when Nicklaus hit a full wedge to a foot of the final hole to tie the match. At The Belfry, with fans heckling Zoeller, Floyd and Craig Stadler into what some called chaos, the U.S. lost badly, 16½ to 11½.

When grousches gather to gut golf, they focus on the inherent weaknesses in the PGA Tour version of the game: There's no man against-man or no team-against-team competition, no variety. But in the Ryder Cup it's not every man for himself. On Sunday, there are

Picket Line Confrontations Continue

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NEW YORK — As talks to end the NFL strike instead slowly ended hopes for a quiet settlement in the four-day-old walkout, confrontations on the picket lines did not improve, either, as players again hurled eggs and other objects and smashed windows of vehicles carrying their replacements to work sites.

In Anaheim, California, a Los Angeles Rams offensive lineman, Robert Cox, put his fist through a window of a van carrying replacements and defensive end Doug Reed pelted the van with eggs, shouting, "Go home, strikebreakers."

In Indianapolis, quarterback Gary Hogeboom defied the union, as he had said he would, and arrived for practice as striking Colts threw eggs at a bus.

Then Friday morning, a busload of replacement players had a heated confrontation with striking players and some 100 supporting AFL-CIO picketers. The picketers pelted on the bus windows, banged their signs on its side and tried to block its progress. Bus driver Harold Williams, 63, said two windows were broken and a side mirror was torn off.

Guerrero Speaks to Family Members

INDIANAPOLIS — Indy-car driver Roberto Guerrero spoke to and recognized his wife, son and racing team manager Thursday, a spokesman for Methodist Hospital said.

Guerrero, 28, sustained a head injury Sept. 10 during tire tests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway when he crashed and a tire flew off his car and hit him in the helmet.

Guerrero, who is from Colombia, remains disoriented and not fully conscious, the hospital spokesman said, but his condition has been upgraded from critical.

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Europeans Rally for 2-2 Tie

DUBLIN, Ohio — Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam, four down at the turn Friday morning, rallied for a European victory that salvaged a 2-2 tie with the United States.

Faldo and Woosnam won six of the last nine holes for a 2-2 tie defeat of Lanny Wadkins and Larry Mizan.

The Europeans also got a 1-up victory from Seve Ballesteros and Jose-Maria Olazabal and Tom Kite over Sam Torrance and Howard Clark, and a 2 and 1 triumph by Hal Sutton and Dan Pohl over Ken Brown and Bernhard Langer.

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